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The annotated list in this issue is limited to titles recently added to the national collection, which contains thousands of fiction and nonfiction titles, including classics, biographies, gothics, mysteries, and how-to and self-help guides. These books will continue to be available from your cooperating library and will be listed again in *Braille Books 1993–1994*. To learn more about the wide range of books in the national collection, readers may order catalogs and subject bibliographies from cooperating libraries. Librarians can check other resources for titles and answer requests for special materials.

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# In Brief

## Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

**The Jewish Braille Review.** This review is a compendium of articles on Jewish culture, current events, and literature culled from an array of literary publications. It is published ten times per year in braille and free of charge. For more information, contact Cantor Mindy J. Fliegelman, The Jewish Braille Institute of America, 110 East 30th Street, New York, NY 10016, (212) 889-2525 or 800-433-1531.

# Books for Adults

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

**Note:** For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

## Nonfiction

**All about Ham Radio BR 9265**
by Harry Helms
3 volumes
Helms argues that the elimination of the Morse code requirement for amateur radio licensees should encourage more people to take up his hobby of ham radio. After dispelling the mythical deterrents such as equipment costs, complex tests, and operating difficulty, Helms discusses the pleasures, the new lingo, the regulations, and the technology involved in speaking with other ham operators around the world. 1992.

**The Tragedy of Macbeth BR 9269**
by William Shakespeare
2 volumes
An early seventeenth-century play. Three witches stir a prophetic brew as they await the return of the Scottish army. The victorious general Macbeth, spurred on by his ambitious wife, murders Duncan, the king, while he is a guest in Macbeth's castle. Once Macbeth sets himself upon this path, he must clear further obstacles. Eventually the desire for power, coupled with mistrust, fear, and anger, leads to one violent act after another. 1959.

**A World Lit Only by Fire: The Medieval Mind and the Renaissance; Portrait of an Age BR 9274**
by William Manchester
3 volumes
The author first outlines the period made chaotic by the waning authority of the Catholic Church, made turbulent by Martin Luther, made beautiful by Michelangelo, but, most importantly, made aware by Ferdinand Magellan. According to Manchester, it was Magellan's circumnavigation of the globe, when he proved the rotundity of a rotating earth, that shattered myths and ushered in a new age. 1992.

**The Fifties BR 9337**
by David Halberstam
8 volumes
As the 1950s were the first decade immortalized by television, the author uses the images that appeared on home screens to support his perception that events made the decade far more rebellious than the benign period often portrayed. Challenging the myth of the "innocent" generation, Halberstam examines political, economic, and social highlights of the era, citing familiar experiences and famous people from Marilyn Monroe to Joseph McCarthy. Bestseller 1993.

**International Yearbook of Library Service for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals: Volume 1, 1993 BR 9347**
by Friends of Libraries for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals in North America, Inc.
2 volumes
Volume one of journal designed to "heighten awareness of library services for blind and physically handicapped individuals worldwide" discusses aspects of

services in various countries. Includes reports on technology and a chronology of international services. 1993.

**Den of Lions: Memoirs of Seven Years BR 9360**

by Terry A. Anderson
3 volumes
Former correspondent's account of 2,454 days held hostage by Hezbollah, an Islamic terrorist organization. Anderson, aided by his then-fiancée Madeleine Bassil, chronicles the ordeal from the day he was mistaken for a spy and captured in Beirut, Lebanon, until the day he was released. He describes his own physical and mental abuse as well as the conditions of his fellow hostages. Some strong language. 1993.

**Will It Hurt the Baby?: The Safe Use of Medications during Pregnancy and Breastfeeding BR 9369**

by Richard S. Abrams
4 volumes
Discussion of generic medications includes common brand names, possible maternal side effects or problems if used during pregnancy and breastfeeding, and alternatives to each medication, if known. Abrams also examines possible environmental or occupational dangers during pregnancy and discusses the impact of a variety of medical problems (such as diabetes or cancer) on pregnancy. 1990.

**Now I See BR 9370**

by Charley Boswell and Curt Anders
2 volumes
Boswell tells the story of his life, beginning with being blinded in 1944 and abandoning his hopes for a baseball career. After painful readjustment, he went on to become a successful businessman, father of three children, and National Blind Golf Champion. Boswell's account is based on his conviction that "lives frustrated by physical misfortune can be turned into new directions by new interests." 1969.

**Turmoil and Triumph: My Years as Secretary of State BR 9392**

by George P. Shultz
15 volumes
Memoirs of a secretary of state under President Reagan. Shultz presents his viewpoint on United States foreign policy, with emphasis on the American-Soviet relationship. And he paints an insider's picture of the White House, the president, and dealings with world leaders and other administration officials, most pointedly with the Central Intelligence Agency, with which he was often at odds. Bestseller 1993.

**Educational Rights of Children with Disabilities: A Primer for Advocates BR 9402**

by Eileen L. Ordover and Kathleen B. Boundy
2 volumes
An attorney and a co-director of the Center for Law and Education detail the rights that the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ensure for people with disabilities. They explain the Individualized Education Program, mainstreaming, educational evaluations, dispute resolution, and other factors. 1991.

**The Hidden Life of Dogs BR 9410**

by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas
1 volume
Thomas has observed and chronicled the lives of a group of eleven dogs in her household. She began the project while caring for Misha for friends. Following the ever-escaping husky on his remarkably wide-ranging jaunts, Thomas finally

concluded that Misha's quests were undertaken solely to meet other dogs. The following years of hierarchy and love affairs within the dog group confirm her belief that what dogs want is each other. Bestseller 1993.

**The Best Cat Ever BR 9432**
by Cleveland Amory
2 volumes
Polar Bear is the New York cat known from *The Cat Who Came for Christmas (BR 7225)* and *The Cat and the Curmudgeon (BR 8269)*, and writer and animal rights activist Amory is his proud owner. In this final tribute to Polar Bear, Amory mixes reminiscences about his own youth with the bittersweet story of the end of his beloved cat's life after their fourteen years as roommates. Amory has since adopted kitten Tiger Bear. Bestseller 1993.

# Fiction

**Sotah BR 9278**
by Naomi Ragen
4 volumes
Dina Reich, sixteen, lives with her family in the *haredi* community of Jerusalem where Jews strictly follow the law. Accordingly, Dina's husband is chosen for her. Although happy at first, Dina soon longs for something more. An encounter with a married man disgraces her, and she is forced to leave her husband and child and flee to America. Working in a wealthy Jewish household she comes to terms with her heritage. Some descriptions of sex. 1992.

**Sign of Misfortune BR 9294**
by Vasil Bykov
3 volumes
English translation of Byelorussian novelist's depiction of life under Stalin's regime and the Nazi occupation forces during World War II. Stepanida and Petroc, an elderly peasant couple, endure years of physical hardship and degradation, yet they somehow escape the moral corruption that surrounds them. Bykov also portrays scenes from village life and the countryside in this 1986 winner of the Lenin Prize. 1990.

**God in Concord BR 9297**
by Jane Langton
3 volumes
When a developer sets his sights on the hallowed banks of Walden Pond and Concord's elderly inhabitants begin to die at an unusual pace, retired detective Homer Kelly goes back to work. Soon the environmentalists, town planners, an owner of souvenir shops, and a pilgrim in search of an authentic Thoreau experience are at odds. Meanwhile, Kelly sorts through the people and their politics for an acceptable solution to a deadly problem. Some strong language. 1992.

**The Marriage of Cadmus and Harmony BR 9298**
by Roberto Calasso
3 volumes
"But how did it all begin?" This novel, originally published in Italian, explores early creation myths and the interactions of humans and gods. Calasso begins with time in ancient Greece, before the gods were born, and ends with the wedding feast for Cadmus and Harmony, the final celebration attended by mortals and gods and the birth of a human world without heroes. Violence and some descriptions of sex. 1988.

**The Crown and the Crucible: The Russians, Volume 1 BR 9334**
by Michael Phillips and Judith Pella
4 volumes
Change comes to Russia, and Anna Burenin is forced to leave her loving family and go to work in the palace in St. Petersburg. With her she takes the family Bible and her faith—which will be sorely tested as she, Princess Katrina, and her brother Prince Sergei watch their beloved country being torn by war. War also separates Anna and Sergei. Prequel to *A House Divided (BR 9335)*. 1991.

**Bless the Child BR 9338**
by Cathy Cash Spellman
5 volumes
Three years ago, Jenna, Maggie O'Connor's drug-addicted daughter, surfaced just long enough to dump her baby daughter, Cody, with Maggie. Now Jenna and her husband have come to claim the little girl. Concerned about the environment into which Cody is taken, Maggie finds herself risking everything to protect Cody from the satanic cult that wants to claim her. Violence and strong language. 1993.

**The Gossamer Cord BR 9340**
by Philippa Carr
3 volumes
Violetta Denver narrates this tale of her twin sister Dorabella's marriage to Dermot Tregarland and its consequences. Dorabella has always been impulsive, so it was not unusual for her to marry Dermot after a whirlwind courtship. Violetta soon discovers that Dermot hides some secrets, including a previous marriage and the fact that his wife drowned. Then Dorabella disappears, and Dermot commits suicide. Prequel to *We'll Meet Again (BR 9341)*. 1992.

**We'll Meet Again BR 9341**
by Philippa Carr
2 volumes
Dorabella Tregarland and Violetta Denver, twins, live on neighboring estates in Cornwall. World War II is beginning, and Violetta's fiancé Jowan has joined the army. As Violetta awaits Jowan's return, she and Dorabella, who devotes most of her time to her fatherless son, turn their mansions into convalescent homes, with the help of a British captain. Then they find themselves involved in kidnapping and treason. Sequel to *The Gossamer Cord (BR 9340)*. 1993.

**The Vast Memory of Love BR 9350**
by Malcolm Bosse
4 volumes
In eighteenth-century London, after he is unjustly dismissed by the Earl of Sandwich, Ned Carleton burns his hand trying to rescue a woman from a fire. When no one will hire him, he is forced to turn to robbery. Planning to quit once he blackmails his former employer, Ned is thrown in prison instead. His only hope is novelist Henry Fielding, who has taken an interest in him and his sweetheart. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1992.

**King of the Corner BR 9357**
by Loren D. Estleman
2 volumes
Conclusion of the Detroit trilogy, following *Whiskey River (BR 8823)* and *Motown (BR 8824)*. Seven years after Doc Miller, a six-foot-five relief pitcher for the Tigers, was locked up for hosting a party where a guest overdosed, Doc's out and in need of a job. Reluctantly he accepts an offer from Maynard Ance, a bail bondsman, and is plunged into a series of fast-moving

events. Strong language and violence. 1992.

**Defend and Betray BR 9362**
by Anne Perry
4 volumes
London 1857. At a dinner party, Thaddeus Carlyon fell over a stair bannister, landing on a suit of armor. But it wasn't the fall that killed him—someone stabbed him after he fell. His wife Alexandra claims responsibility, but Carlyon's sister Edith does not believe her, and calls upon her friend Hester Latterly for help. Hester enlists Inspector William Monk and barrister Oliver Rathbone, who uncover shocking circumstances during the trial. 1992.

**The Black Sea BR 9363**
by Richard Setlowe
4 volumes
American Maggi Chancellor is on board a Russian ship off the coast of Singapore when it is hijacked and hidden in a jungle river. Claiming responsibility is the fanatical Malayan Tengku Haji Azhar, who wants to exchange hostages for arms. As Maggi works as an interpreter, trying to calm the passengers, Tengku sends another severed head to Singapore every day to reinforce his demands. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. 1991.

**Indigo; or, Mapping the Waters BR 9364**
by Marina Warner
3 volumes
Miranda Everard expects to be the heiress to her grandfather's legacy, dating to the British conquest of the Caribbean island of Enfant-Béate. But then he remarries and has a daughter, Xanthe. The girls grow up as sisters, cared for by Serafine, their Caribbean nurse, who constantly tells them stories of their heritage. But when the girls go back to Enfant-Béate, their troubles begin! Strong language. 1992.

**Relative Sins BR 9366**
by Cynthia Victor
4 volumes
Because Kailey Davids had polio as a child and limps, she never believed a man would marry her. So she jumps at the chance to marry Cameron Hawkes, in spite of her parents' warnings. Now she is paying the price of her hasty marriage. She flees Cameron, and she believes her baby daughter is dead. But the child is alive and over the next twenty-five years seeks to be reunited with her mother. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1992.

**Falling Free BR 9367**
by Lois McMaster Bujold
2 volumes
Leo Graf, a highly skilled welding engineer, has come to Cay Project, an orbital habitat, to teach the inhabitants welding. When Graf arrives, he discovers there are only 400 downsiders—average people—living there. The other 1,000 are quaddies—children with two sets of arms and no legs. Graf is concerned about their lack of knowledge of the outside world. And rightly so, for soon two quaddies attempt to escape to that world. Some strong language. 1988.

**The Past Leads a Life of Its Own BR 9371**
by Wayne Fields
2 volumes
Collection of short stories in which the author, through the eyes of young Lonnie, recalls bits and pieces of his own childhood. Lonnie, who lives on a farm with his parents, grandfather, and uncle, grows up quickly in post-World War II America. He learns to cope with poverty and death,

and discovers the meaning of work, pride, strength, and respect. As he grows up, he comes to realize that there is a world beyond his family. Some strong language. 1992.

**Red Sky at Morning BR 9373**
by Richard Bradford
2 volumes
A boy of seventeen accompanies his mother to their summer home in New Mexico while his father is serving in World War II. He describes their life in the remote mountain village and the comic escapades that occur. Through it all runs the strain of holding the family together. For high school and older readers. 1968.

**Hank and Chloe BR 9379**
by Jo-Ann Mapson
3 volumes
After a childhood of foster homes and then the death of her older alcoholic lover, thirty-three-year-old Chloe Morgan works two jobs and lives in a rustic shack in order to pursue her passion for horses. Used only to the company of her dog, her elderly horse, and some aging cowboys, Chloe is unsure if there is room in her life for the professor who has become attached to her. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

**Good Night, Mr. Holmes BR 9382**
by Carole Nelson Douglas
3 volumes
Nell Huxleigh, a parson's daughter, relates this tale of Irene Adler—opera singer and detective. Miss Adler, who has the uncanny ability to outsmart even Sherlock Holmes, became a detective in the early days of her operatic career. Her sleuthing results in encounters with Victorian personages such as Charles Lewis Tiffany, Oscar Wilde, and Anton Dvorák, and with the mysterious Godfrey Norton, who aids her in her search for a skein of diamonds. 1990.

**And the Angels Sing: Stories BR 9383**
by Kate Wilhelm
2 volumes
A dozen stories focusing on people coming to terms with their fate in life. In "The Look Alike," a woman imagines seeing a double of her stillborn child. "Forever Yours, Anna" tells of a graphologist who falls in love with a woman because of her handwriting. In "The Great Doors of Silence," a woman recalls the abuse she suffered as a child, and "The Day of the Sharks" depicts a couple's idyllic Florida vacation that becomes a nightmare. Some strong language. 1992.

**The Bean Trees BR 9389**
by Barbara Kingsolver
2 volumes
Taylor Greer, a poor but plucky Kentucky girl with a sharp tongue, a soft heart, and a strong spirit, sets out to find a new life in the West. While having her flighty 1955 Volkswagen repaired in the Oklahoma flatlands, she finds an abused Indian child in the front seat of the car. Taylor becomes the child's guardian, settles in Tuscon, and meets friends who help her cope with her new responsibilities. Some strong language. 1988.

**Streets of Laredo BR 9394**
by Larry McMurtry
5 volumes
Sequel to Pulitzer Prize-winning *Lonesome Dove (BR 6198)*. Years have passed and Captain Call, hired by the railroad, heads for the desert to track down Joey Garza, a young train robber. When the trail leads to Mexico, Garza's protective mother Maria and his blind sister Teresa have a profound effect on Call. Loyalty also sends Lorena Parker in search of her

husband, Call's partner Pea Eye. Some strong language and violence. Bestseller 1993.

**The Good Earth BR 9400**
by Pearl S. Buck
3 volumes
Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by a winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature. Describes the rise of Wang Lung, a poor Chinese peasant. The story begins with his wedding day, as he ponders his good fortune that now he will have a woman to take over the chore of lighting a fire to heat the water for his bath. With the help and patience of his new wife, O-lan, Wang Lung becomes a rich landowner. For high school and older readers. 1931.

**Three Classics by American Women: *The Awakening*, *Ethan Frome*, *O Pioneers!* BR 9404**
by Kate Chopin, Edith Wharton, and Willa Cather
3 volumes
These novels were first published around the turn of the century. *The Awakening* is the story of a woman's growing awareness of her love for a man who is not her husband. *Ethan Frome* is a tale of retribution about a couple whose lives change when the wife's cousin joins their household. *O Pioneers!* portrays the struggles of immigrants. 1990.

**I Heard the Owl Call My Name BR 9406**
by Margaret Craven
1 volume
With only two years to live, a young minister is sent by his bishop into the wilds of British Columbia to a parish called Kingcome. There, among struggling Indians, Mark Brian learns enough of the meaning of life not to fear death. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1973.

**Adam's Fall BR 9428**
by Sandra Brown
2 volumes
Lilah Mason would do almost anything for her sister Elizabeth. But what Elizabeth is asking her to do now is impossible. Lilah cannot stand Adam Cavanaugh, her sister's boss. Although Adam has a serious spinal cord injury, Lilah, an excellent physical therapist, refuses to help him. But Elizabeth convinces her to try, and when Lilah arrives in Hawaii to work with Adam, the sparks fly! Some strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1988.

**Blackwood BR 9433**
by B.J. Peverley
2 volumes
Blackwood sets off in search of the outlaws who gunned down his parents and raped his sister. During his methodical journey from town to town he meets up with a wagon full of prostitutes heading for California. Blackwood offers his services as a guide through Indian country, and together they encounter warriors, revenge, and sudden death. Some strong language. 1989.

**The Wine-Dark Sea BR 9435**
by Patrick O'Brian
3 volumes
Set during the Napoleonic Wars, this installment of the Captain Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin saga finds the pair aboard the HMS *Surprise*, bound for South America. Smooth sailing it is not, for they endure natural disasters, such as an underwater volcanic eruption and a severe squall, and several violent episodes involving other vessels, including the *Franklin*, an American ship mastered by a Frenchman. Some strong language. 1993.

# Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

## Nonfiction

**Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back: A Native American Year of Moons BR 8981**
by Joseph Bruchac and Jonathan London
1 volume
Many Native American people relate the seasons of the year to the thirteen cycles of the moon. Some regard a turtle's back, with its pattern of thirteen large scales, as a sort of calendar. This book includes thirteen moon legends in poetry from thirteen different Native American tribes. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1992.

**Talking Walls BR 8987**
by Margy Burns Knight
1 volume
The author explores the similarities and differences among diverse cultures through the presentation of walls the world over. Included are the Great Wall of China, the Lascaux cave (France), the Western Wall (Jerusalem), the Muslim world's Ka'aba walls, the walls of Great Zimbabwe, the Taos pueblo (New Mexico), the Berlin Wall, Nelson Mandela's prison walls, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 3-6 and and older readers. 1992.

**El Chino BR 8988**
by Allen Say
1 volume
Bong Way Wong, a Chinese-American whom everyone called Billy, grew up in Arizona. While his brothers and sisters aspired to be doctors, teachers, and engineers, Wong wanted to be a great athlete. At first he loved basketball, but he wasn't allowed to play in college because he was too short. While vacationing in Spain, Wong fell in love with bullfighting, and he became the first Chinese matador. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1990.

**Why the Sky Is Far Away: A Nigerian Folktale BR 8992**
retold by Mary-Joan Gerson
1 volume
Long, long ago, people did not have to grow crops in the fields or hunt in the forests for food. The sky was so close and bountiful that one simply reached up and took a piece of the sky to eat. And the sky tasted like delicious fruits, meats, and vegetables. But the people grew wasteful and greedy, and the sky grew angry and sternly warned the Oba that the waste must cease at once. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1974.

**Egg Story BR 8997**
by Anca Hariton
1 volume
The farm awakens at the rooster's "cock-a-doodle-doo!" The gray hen cackles; she has just laid a seamless white egg. The story follows the egg for the next twenty-one days, through its incubation under the hen's body to the newborn chick's first lesson on pecking for food. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2 and older readers. 1992.

**Zoomrimes: Poems about Things That Go BR 9431**
by Sylvia Cassedy
1 volume
Twenty-six poems about objects that move, each representing a different letter of the alphabet. There are feet that are free—"no need to drop lots of coins in a slot"—and a unicycle ridden by a unicorn in a uniform. For grades 3-6. 1993.

**Gaylord Nelson: A Day for the Earth BR 9440**
by Jeffrey Shulman and Teresa Rogers
1 volume
Gaylord Nelson devoted his career to speaking out about the need to preserve natural resources, the dangers of pollution, and the plight of endangered species. As a U.S. senator he promoted the idea of a national day to teach people about the environment—an Earth Day. The first Earth Day, April 22, 1970, may have been the largest demonstration in U.S. history. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1992.

**Jane Goodall: Living with the Chimps BR 9445**
by Julie Fromer
1 volume
Jane Goodall knows the world of the chimpanzee better than anyone; for more than thirty years she has lived with the wild chimps of Africa. Born in London in 1934, Goodall loved to observe animals even as a young child. In 1957 she traveled to East Africa and began working for Louis and Mary Leakey, prominent anthropologists. In 1960 Goodall began her now well-known landmark study of chimp lives. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1992.

**Operation Siberian Crane: The Story behind the International Effort to Save an Amazing Bird BR 9453**
by Judi Friedman
1 volume
Chronicles the efforts of the International Crane Foundation (ICF) to save the endangered Siberian crane. The ICF was established by two Americans, Ron Sauey and George Archibald, in 1972. With the help of scientists from the Soviet Union and the support of environmentalists from other nations, the work of the ICF has made an impact. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1992.

# Fiction

**Trouble with Trolls BR 8979**
by Jan Brett
1 volume
Treva tells of the day she had trouble with trolls. It is an early spring day when Treva decides to take Tuffi, her dog, to the other side of Mount Baldy for a visit with her cousin. They plan to climb up the mountain and ski down the other side. Little do they know that five dog-loving trolls await them, but feisty, clever Treva will outwit them all. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1992.

**Dreamcatcher BR 8983**
by Audrey Osofsky
1 volume
The Ojibway Indians of the northern Midwest believe in the special power of dreams. While good dreams are a source of knowledge, bad dreams forebode harm and ill will. In this lyrical story, big sister weaves baby a dream net for protection against bad dreams, as baby sleeps and the village community goes about its

daily activities. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1992.

**The Day of Ahmed's Secret BR 8985**
by Florence Parry Heide
and Judith Heide Gilliland
1 volume
Ahmed, a young Egyptian, describes the city of Cairo as he goes about his daily work. The crowded streets are noisy with all kinds of sounds woven together. Ahmed steers his donkey-drawn cart through the narrow streets as he delivers fuel to his customers. He eats near a wall 1,000 years old. At sundown, he returns home to share a special surprise with his family. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3 to share with older readers. 1990.

**The Girl Who Loved Caterpillars: A Twelfth-Century Tale from Japan BR 8986**
retold by Jean Merrill
1 volume
Retelling of a Japanese tale (the ending has been lost). Izumi, the pretty daughter of a provincial inspector in the emperor's court, refuses to conform to standards of beauty and decorum. Preoccupied with "the original nature of things," Izumi loves caterpillars. She enjoys the company of peasant boys who supply her with caterpillars but attracts the attention of a nobleman. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1992.

**The Ballad of Belle Dorcas BR 8993**
by William H. Hooks
1 volume
Belle Dorcas was a pretty, free-issue girl (the offspring of a slave and her master) whose mother hoped that she would marry a free-issue man. But Belle was in love with Joshua, a prized slave, and it was Joshua whom she married. They lived as happily as slaves could live until the old master died and the new master decided to send Joshua to the auction block. So Belle went to a conjure woman for help. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1990.

**The Fortune-Tellers BR 8995**
by Lloyd Alexander
1 volume
Cameroon, West Africa. A young carpenter, tired of long labor and little pay, seeks out a fortune-teller to learn what his future holds. The cagey old prophet promises him a bright future—well, maybe. "Rich you will surely be . . . [if] you earn large sums of money," and a long, happy life will be his if it is not cut short by an early demise. The carpenter's life takes a surprising and humorous turn. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1992.

**Silver BR 9376**
by Norma Fox Mazer
2 volumes
Finding friends in a new junior high school was going to be hard for Sarabeth Silver, who lived on the wrong side of the tracks. Then, by slightly twisting the truth, Sarabeth becomes acquainted with rich, sophisticated Grant Varrow, the one girl she really wants to know. Sarabeth quickly falls into Grant's circle of friends. Only one, Patty, remains distant. Then she tells Sarabeth that she is being sexually abused. For grades 6-9. 1988.

**Charlotte's Web BR 9405**
by E.B. White
1 volume
A little girl who can talk to animals is devoted to both Wilbur, the foolishly smug pig, and Charlotte, the beautiful gray spider who saves Wilbur's life. For grades 3-6. 1952.

**Fox Outfoxed BR 9413**
by James Marshall
1 volume
In these three short stories, Fox attempts to win a race dishonestly, gives away all of his comic books, and enjoys Halloween trick-or-treating with his friends. Easy reading for grades 2-4. 1992.

**Catwings Return BR 9414**
by Ursula K. Le Guin
1 volume
In this sequel to *Catwings (BR 7881)*, two of the winged cats, James and Harriet, decide to visit their mother. They fly back to the city, but she is gone and the neighborhood is being demolished for renewal. They find, instead, a lost, hungry, scared winged kitten, whom they entice out of hiding. For grades 2-4. 1989.

**Wanted . . . Mud Blossom BR 9419**
by Betsy Byars
1 volume
When Junior discovers that the school's hamster, entrusted to his care, has disappeared, he jumps to a conclusion: Pap's dog, Mud, is a murderer. Mud seeks refuge under the porch and awaits his trial. Meanwhile, Mad Mary seems to be missing, and Vern and Michael appear to know more about it than they will admit. And Ralphie persists in his pursuit of Maggie. Companion to *A Blossom Promise (BR 8697)*. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1991.

**Ramona Quimby, Age Eight BR 9427**
by Beverly Cleary
1 volume
As Ramona enters third grade, her father returns to college to become an art teacher. Having a working mother and a student father is tough on the family, but the Quimbys stick together through good times and bad. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1981.

# Handcopied Braille–Other Agencies

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## Adult Fiction

**Dark River Legacy LLB**
by B.J. Hoff
4 volumes
When Gwynevere Leigh, mystery writer, returns to her hometown, she finds herself snared in a mystery more terrifying than any in her books: a vicious battle between the power of God and the forces of evil.

**Sequoia Scout LLB**
by Brock and Bodie Thoene
4 volumes
Will Reed has never shied from danger, but few American have attempted the

overland trail to the High Sierras. Will must deal with threats from nature, from local Indians, and from oppressive rule in newly independent Mexico.

**Thank You, Good-Bye: Margo Mysteries, Volume 7 LLB**
by Jerry B. Jenkins
3 volumes
Shannon Perry comes asking for protection. Six people of her acquaintance have been murdered. In each victim's hand was a "thank you" note. Margo and Philip try to find some answers.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

**Asimov's Science Fiction** (monthly plus mid-December)
**Better Homes and Gardens** (monthly)
**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Journal of Physiotherapy** (British monthly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Braille Variety News** (monthly)
**Children's Digest** (for children, 8 issues)
**Consumers' Research** (monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly plus Christmas)
**Fortune** (biweekly plus specials)
**Inside Sports** (monthly)
**Jack and Jill** (for children, 8 issues)
**Journal of Rehabilitation** (quarterly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Madam** (British monthly)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**New Beacon** (British monthly)
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**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
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**Playboy**, selections (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (3 per year)

**Progress** (British monthly)
**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)
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# In Brief

## Annual Catalog Survey

You will soon be able to select and order NLS catalogs and bibliographies that will be issued during 1995 and early 1996. This summer an order form is being mailed to patrons who subscribe to *Braille Book Review*. The form is in the format in which you receive your *Braille Book Review*. It gives you the opportunity to order upcoming publications, such as *Cassette Books 1995*. The catalogs and bibliographies you order will be sent directly to you when the publications are produced.

## New Poster from Friends Group

An educational poster titled "Library Service for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals: A World Perspective" has been published by NLS in cooperation with the Friends of Libraries for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals in North America, Inc. (Friends).

The large-print chronology features nearly one hundred important events from the birth in the year 308 of Didymus, blind head of the Catechetical School in Alexandria, to the publication of NLS's 10,000th numbered braille book in 1995. The poster is illustrated with a dozen color photographs. It measures fifty-two inches by twenty inches and is suitable for framing.

The poster is being distributed by the Friends as a benefit of membership. The nonprofit group supports library programs for blind and physically handicapped persons in the United States and Canada through a number of activities and products.

# Newsstand

The following announcement may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

**Matilda Ziegler Magazine.** *The Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind* has moved. The new address is 80 Eighth Avenue, Room 1304, New York, NY 10011, telephone (212) 242–0263, fax (212) 633–1601. The magazine contains a variety of general–interest articles selected from a broad range of periodicals and is published ten times a year in braille. It is free.

# Books for Adults

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## Nonfiction

**Love's Labour's Lost BR 9236**
by William Shakespeare
4 volumes
Late sixteenth-century dramatic comedy in which the king of Navarre and three of his friends swear to avoid the company of women for three years and to devote themselves to study. Their plans go awry when the charming princess of France arrives on a diplomatic mission with three vivacious ladies. When the princess's father dies, the ladies impose a year-long interruption of the merriment. 1990.

**The Tragedy of King Lear BR 9396**
by William Shakespeare
5 volumes
First published early in the seventeenth century, this tragedy concerns a petulant monarch and his daughters Gonerill, Regan, and Cordelia. Amid much other, more political action, Lear is taken in by false avowals of love from Gonerill and Regan and disinherits Cordelia because of her refusal to flatter him and to meet his unreasonable demands. 1992.

**Eight Plays:** ***A Doll's House, Ghosts, An Enemy of the People, The Wild Duck, Rosmersholm, The Lady from the Sea, Hedda Gabler, The Master Builder*** **BR 9466**
by Henrik Ibsen
6 volumes
Scandinavian actress Eva Le Gallienne's translations of plays written from 1879 to 1892. Ibsen's characters often deal with moral issues, such as Dr. Stockmann's conspiracy to tell people what they don't want to hear in the satirical *An Enemy of the People*. 1982.

**Animal Minds BR 9476**
by Donald R. Griffin
4 volumes
Scientist Griffin reviews three categories of what he considers to be "significant, although incomplete, evidence of conscious thinking by nonhuman animals." His examples demonstrate different animals' adaptations of behavior to deal with problems, physiological brain signals that may mean conscious thinking, and possible conveyance of thoughts through communication behavior. What the animal is "saying" can then be determined by the recipient's response. 1992.

**And the Green Grass Grew All Around: Folk Poetry from Everyone BR 9487**
by Alvin Schwartz
1 volume
A delightful collection of nearly three hundred folk poems—poetry that is usually unwritten and is made up by ordinary people to meet everyday needs. Included are street rhymes, nursery rhymes, parodies, autograph rhymes, nonsense verse, and riddles arranged under fifteen topics, such as "Food," "Teases and Taunts," "Fun and Games,"

and "Animals and Insects." All ages. 1992.

**D-Day, June 6, 1944: The Climactic Battle of World War II BR 9541**

by Stephen E. Ambrose
7 volumes
From an interview with Supreme Commander General Eisenhower in 1964 through the recollections of hundreds of Allied and German veterans, a military historian reconstructs the most decisive day of World War II. Some strong language. Bestseller 1994.

**A Special Kind of Hero: Chris Burke's Own Story BR 9569**

by Chris Burke and Jo Beth McDaniel
3 volumes
Chris Burke, also known as Corky Thatcher, co-star of the ABC television series "Life Goes On," reveals how he succeeded in life despite having Down syndrome. His teachers, colleagues, and the Burke family talk about what it is like to live and work with Chris. 1991.

**A Lot to Ask: A Life of Barbara Pym BR 9583**

by Hazel Holt
3 volumes
A close friend of novelist Barbara Pym recreates the life of the English writer of satirical tragicomedies about middle-class life. Quoting heavily from Pym, Holt describes Pym's childhood in a small Shropshire town near the Welsh border, her education at Oxford (where she had several affairs), her wartime service, her obscurity during a long period when her work was rejected by publishers, and her final illness. 1990.

**A Woman's Worth BR 9592**

by Marianne Williamson
1 volume
Lecturer and author Williamson "spills her guts," offering inspirational essays for women on different aspects of their lives—relationships and sexuality, careers, child-rearing, worrying about physical appearance, and dealing with sexism. Recommending meditation and prayer for spiritual renewal, Williamson urges women to allow themselves to mature into queens and to find the goddess within themselves. Bestseller 1993.

**My Pride and Joy BR 9666**

by George Adamson
3 volumes
The husband of the late Joy Adamson, who was known for her pioneer work with lions and other wild animals, recounts his amazing life in the African bush. He also reveals details of his often turbulent, yet enriching marriage to fellow preservationist Joy. An ardent tribute to the natural wonders of the African continent. 1987.

**Touched by Angels BR 9680**

by Eileen Elias Freeman
2 volumes
Freeman, who publishes the *AngelWatch Journal*, describes the role she believes her guardian angel has played in her life since his first appearance when she was five. She explains her view of what angels are and what they do, emphasizing that they are not former humans, but "another race of sentient, intelligent beings . . . far more ancient and powerful, wiser and more evolved." Also includes reports of people's encounters with angels. 1993.

**James Herriot's Cat Stories BR 9752**

by James Herriot
1 volume
In Herriot's childhood his favorite animal was the cat, so he looked forward to studying cats in veterinary school. He

was appalled to discover that anatomy books ignored cats, but during the fifty years that Herriot practiced veterinary medicine, he met many cats and learned a great deal about them. Here he offers ten stories about some of the cats who have come into his life, including Oscar, the socialite, and Alfred from the sweetshop. Bestseller 1994.

**When the Blizzard Blows BR 9755**
edited by Kenneth Jernigan
1 volume
To illustrate that people who are blind are otherwise ordinary and far from helpless, the authors describe frustrating incidents in their own lives. Kernel Book series editor Kenneth Jernigan, National Federation of the Blind (NFB); NFB president Marc Maurer; and other NFB members recount experiences such as having strangers assume that a blind woman's small children have to take care of her and a nurse who asks Jernigan if he needs his secretary to help him get undressed. 1994.

# Fiction

**Homeland BR 9462**
by John Jakes
10 volumes
Berlin street urchin Pauli Kroner dreams of being a painter and coming to America. At fourteen he arrives, makes his way to his uncle's home in Chicago, and changes his name to Paul Crown. A Kodak camera gives him a chance to put his artistic skills to work, and he becomes involved in Hollywood and the motion picture industry. Along the way, he falls in love with Julie Vanderhoff. Crown Family Chronicles. Some strong language. Bestseller 1993.

**Assumed Identity BR 9484**
by David Morrell
5 volumes
Experts in Mayan hieroglyphics start dying off. Brendan Buchanan, deep-cover U.S. operative, changes chameleon-like from one identity to another until his cover is blown in Mexico. An acquaintance of a previous Buchanan alias is on the run after an impersonation of her own and needs Buchanan's help. With reporter Holly McCoy's assistance, injured Buchanan traces all the leads to a newly discovered ancient Mayan Mexican village. Strong language and violence. 1993.

**Vanish with the Rose BR 9489**
by Barbara Michaels
3 volumes
Diana, a lawyer, knows she is risking a lot when she convinces Walt, the landscaper, to recommend her to the Nicholsons as a landscape designer. But she has to find out what has happened to her brother Brad, last seen when working for the previous owner. With her identity soon uncovered, Diana and several young people begin a search that involves haunting music, spells of déjà vu, a brutal ex-husband, and a corpse. Strong language. 1992.

**The Chamber BR 9542**
by John Grisham
5 volumes
The chamber is of the gas variety, and next in line for it is Klan member Sam Cayhall. Sam is accused of the bombing murder of the young twin sons of a Jewish attorney. After two mistrials, Sam was free for over a decade before an ambitious district attorney tried him again and won. Now a new attorney steps forward to plead Sam's case. The

lawyer is Sam's grandson, who needs to discover more about his family's past. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1994.

**The Horse You Came In On BR 9546**
by Martha Grimes
3 volumes
Scotland Yard's Richard Jury is asked by an old acquaintance to go to Baltimore to investigate a young man's death. He takes along Wiggins and his friend Plant who has, coincidentally, been summoned by a Baltimore author friend whose student was murdered while researching Poe. Following conveniently left clues suggesting that the two murders and one more are connected, the three immerse themselves in humorous Baltimore sleuthing. Some strong language. 1993.

**Jumper BR 9548**
by Steven Gould
3 volumes
After twice ending up in his local library following threatening situations, Davy Rice, seventeen, realizes he has the ability to "jump," or teleport himself. He also believes his mother had the same power and that she used it to escape from Davy's abusive father. Soon Davy finds himself on the streets of New York where he uses teleporting for survival and to find his mom. Strong language and some violence. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1992.

**Sackett's Land BR 9555**
by Louis L'Amour
2 volumes
The Sackett saga goes back to England and follows Barnabas Sackett from his struggles in the English countryside and intrigue in Elizabethan London to the New World, where he establishes a western dynasty. Some strong language and some violence. 1974.

**Mustang Man BR 9556**
by Louis L'Amour
2 volumes
Nolan Sackett, also known as "Mustang Man," is one tough cowboy. But he can be softhearted when it comes to women in distress; so even though he is being chased across the Southwest by a posse, he stops to rescue a woman. It takes Sackett time to figure out that she is not what she seems, and no sooner does he shoot his way out of her clutches than he trusts another woman who spells trouble. 1966.

**Wasted Years BR 9557**
by John Harvey
2 volumes
Midlands Detective Inspector Charlie Resnick broods over a ten-year-old case that coincided with the breakup of his marriage. John Prior had been convicted on evidence that had supposedly come from his wife, Ruth, a singer Resnick admired. Now Prior is up for parole and a minor player in a current investigation gives Resnick a chance to reenter the case. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

**Another Good Loving Blues BR 9559**
by Arthur Flowers
2 volumes
In 1918 blues piano player Lucas Bodeen stops his wandering when he lays eyes on conjure woman Melvira Dupree in the small town of Sweetwater, Arkansas. But, as Bodeen warns her, "I ain't never tossed my shoes under no woman's bed for long. When the blues call, I'm liable to answer." Likewise, when hoodoo signs call, Melvira answers,

and now she's being called by the mother who abandoned her. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

**Sir Philip's Folly: The Poor Relation, Volume 4 BR 9567**
by Marion Chesney
1 volume
The Poor Relation is burdened with an undesirable guest brought in by Sir Philip Sommerville. Mrs. Budge, a vulgar, overweight woman, has stolen Sir Philip's heart away from Miss Tonks. Other guests include Lady Carruthers, who refuses to act her age, and her daughter Arabella, who is in love with the Earl of Denby but stands little chance of capturing him because of her mother. Sequel to *Mrs. Budley Falls from Grace (BR 9387)*. 1993.

**The Lost Boy: A Novella BR 9575**
by Thomas Wolfe
1 volume
Episodes based on the author's childhood recall his older brother Grover from the perspective of different family members. Grover himself relates an experience in the town square. Then his mother recalls an incident with Grover on a train trip to the World's Fair in St. Louis. A sister examines old photographs and relives the day Grover contracted typhoid fever. Finally, the author returns to the house where Grover died. 1937.

**The Travels of Jaimie McPheeters BR 9581**
by Robert Lewis Taylor
5 volumes
In 1849 Dr. Sardius McPheeters decides to escape his debts and his genteel wife's disapproval by heading for California to strike it rich mining gold. Fourteen-year-old Jaimie is allowed a year off from school to accompany his father. But almost at once the hapless doctor must write to his wife that Jaimie is lost and possibly dead. In fact, Jaimie is captured by murderers in the first of his many adventures. Some violence. Pulitzer Prize winner. 1958.

**Into the Green BR 9588**
by Charles De Lint
2 volumes
Traveling with her father's band of tinkers, fifteen-year-old Angharad learns that she has "the sight" when she meets a witch and his grandson Garrow. Shortly after she and Garrow marry, a plague kills him and everyone Angharad knows. Accepting the life of a witch, Angharad obtains the gift of harping and meets a tree wizard. Soon, the wizard has a dangerous mission into the green that only Angharad can accomplish. Strong language and violence. 1993.

**The War of the Worlds BR 9590**
by H.G. Wells
2 volumes
The Martians, a loathsome though highly organized race, invade England and, with their superior weapons, subdue and prey on the people. For high school and adult readers. 1898.

**Thunder and Roses BR 9618**
by Mary Jo Putney
3 volumes
Nicholas Davies, raised by Gypsies until he was seven, is known in the Welsh village of Penreith as the Demon Earl. Clare Morgan, the schoolmistress and vicar's daughter, has called on Nicholas for help in improving conditions at the local mine. She is so desperate that she agrees to live with Nicholas for three

months. But she quickly finds herself in unexplored territory. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

**The Mediterranean Caper BR 9620**
by Clive Cussler
2 volumes
It is a quiet Sunday afternoon at Brady Field on the island of Thasos in the Aegean Sea. Then suddenly an old World War I biplane appears out of nowhere and attacks the installation. Off the coast, the *First Attempt*, part of the National Underwater Marine Agency, is hit with a series of "accidents." Major Dirk Pitt, sent to investigate, keeps remembering a plane shot down sixty years earlier. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1973.

**Inca Gold BR 9621**
by Clive Cussler
5 volumes
A group of archaeologists is exploring a Peruvian sinkhole and gets in trouble. Dirk Pitt happens to be in the neighborhood and comes to their aid. But the rescue simply sets in motion a series of events that find Pitt looking for lost treasure, being captured by a band of art smugglers, and swimming through an uncharted underground river. Violence and strong language. Bestseller 1994.

**Dr. Haggard's Disease BR 9623**
by Patrick McGrath
2 volumes
Set in England at the outset of World War II. Edward Haggard, a young doctor, learns that he is not immune to love, but he is stunned by the consequences of his affair with Fanny, the wife of an older physician. Dr. Haggard removes himself from the scene, but the day that Fanny's son turns up in uniform, he discovers that his passion is rekindled in a bizarre manner. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

**Doll's Eyes BR 9624**
by Bari Wood
3 volumes
Like her mother and grandmother before her, wealthy Eve Klein is clairvoyant. It's not a gift she relishes—her estranged husband, Sam, can't handle it anymore. Attempting a reconciliation with Sam, Eve drives to his small-town rental house—only to have a horrifying vision in his driveway. The murder is the latest of five serial killings, and the killer isn't happy to learn about Eve. Strong language, violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

**Spark BR 9625**
by John Lutz
2 volumes
When seventy-year-old Jerome Evans keels over from a heart attack after getting a clean bill of health, his no-nonsense wife Hattie receives a note claiming Jerome was murdered. She turns to private investigator Fred Carver, who immediately stumbles upon the corpse of Jerome's elderly girlfriend. Carver's continued nosing around the Florida retirement community upsets someone enough to thoroughly work over the disabled PI. Strong language and violence. 1993.

**Over My Dead Body: A Nero Wolfe Mystery BR 9651**
by Rex Stout
2 volumes
Wise-cracking Archie Goodwin is surprised when his overweight employer,

detective Nero Wolfe, refuses to help Carla Lovchen's friend, a young Balkan. Carla then convinces Wolfe to help by proving that her friend (who is accused of stealing from her fencing student) is Wolfe's long-lost adopted daughter. Archie is sent to investigate the robbery, which quickly evolves into murder. Strong language and violence. 1939.

**Too Many Clients: A Nero Wolfe Mystery BR 9652**
by Rex Stout
2 volumes
When a businessman is murdered, Nero Wolfe is called into the case by three different people. First he must unravel the motives behind his clients' requests. 1960.

**Fer-de-Lance: A Nero Wolfe Mystery BR 9653**
by Rex Stout
2 volumes
Nero Wolfe and Archie Goodwin make their debut in this first of many tales about the corpulent master sleuth who operates out of a New York brownstone office. When Wolfe receives the gift of a deadly snake, his assistant suspects that they are onto the clever person who murdered an Italian immigrant and a college president, although he cannot imagine what connection there may be. 1934.

**The Silent Speaker: A Nero Wolfe Mystery BR 9654**
by Rex Stout
2 volumes
Nero Wolfe, the orchid-growing gourmet detective, investigates the death of a government official. Archie Goodwin assists and reveals Wolfe's idiosyncrasies. 1946.

**The Mountain Cat Murders BR 9655**
by Rex Stout
2 volumes
In Cody, Wyoming, young Delia Brand has a mission: to find and kill the man who murdered her father. Delia's mother has just committed suicide after spending the family money trying to do the same thing. But after Delia buys cartridges for her father's gun and more or less admits her plan, she can't find the gun. Then her father's business associate is shot, and things look bad for Delia. Some strong language. 1939.

**The Four Adventures of Richard Hannay: *The Thirty-Nine Steps, Greenmantle, Mr. Standfast, The Three Hostages* BR 9656**
by John Buchan
8 volumes
First published between 1915 and 1924. In *The Thirty-Nine Steps*, an engineer attempts to foil a conspiracy. *Greenmantle* pits a secret agent against Germans trying to start an Eastern holy war. *Mr. Standfast* deals with British Intelligence in World War I. An agent uses hypnotism to search for missing persons in *The Three Hostages*. 1988.

**Operation Wandering Soul BR 9667**
by Richard Powers
4 volumes
Richard Kraft, surgical resident at Carver General in Los Angeles, and Linda Espera, therapist, are weary of trying to patch up the children in their care, including Joy, a boat child from Asia; Nico, a child in a man's body; and Chuck, nicknamed No-Face. As they work on the children's physical needs, they also try to instill hope by telling them stories about the Pied Piper, Peter Pan, and the Secret Garden. Some

strong language and some violence. 1993.

**Private Scandals BR 9668**
by Nora Roberts
4 volumes
Chicago, 1994. It is midnight when Deanna Reynolds arrives at the CBC TV station, where Angela Perkins has demanded to meet her. They have become enemies in the past few years as Deanna has usurped Angela's place in the talk-show market and in Finn Riley's life. Now Deanna hopes to have it out with Angela. But when Deanna walks into the studio, she discovers Angela with her face blown away. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1993.

**The Flight of Andy Burns: Stories BR 9670**
by Alice Mattison
2 volumes
In "The Library Card," a woman realizes it was a terrible mistake to marry her husband, who isn't perfect. "She will have to pound him with her words and tears so many more times before she fixes him, so many hundreds of times." Mattison's other protagonists also experience profound realizations during the course of their ordinary days. Some strong language. 1993.

**Hello Down There BR 9671**
by Michael Parker
2 volumes
In 1952, after the car wreck that claimed his fiancée's life, Edwin is addicted to morphine prescribed by his uncle. He lives a reclusive life in his North Carolina hometown until he becomes obsessed with young Eureka. When the druggist is fired for refusing Edwin's wealthy mother's demands to supply the drug, Edwin tries to kick the habit as he slowly reveals his story to Eureka. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

**Murder by the Numbers: An Eliot Ness Novel BR 9672**
by Max Allan Collins
2 volumes
Cleveland, Ohio, 1938. Five years ago, black cop Toussaint Johnson watched as numbers king Rufus Murphy, for whom he was doing some "unofficial" work, was shot to death. Eliot Ness, director of public safety, has a reputation for putting bad guys in jail, and he is counting on Johnson's help in shutting down the numbers racket. But he doesn't know that Johnson was once "on the pad." Strong language and some violence. 1993.

**A Heartbeat Away BR 9673**
by Barbara Rogan
3 volumes
Life is hectic in Mercy Hospital's emergency room, especially with a little drama among the staff. Crow Durango, housekeeper, gets the attention of Dr. Thomas Graystone, emergency room chief, when a deceased doctor gives her a diagnosis that saves two patients. Alice Straugh, a white nurse, wants to adopt a badly abused black child. Then there is Pilar, who keeps things moving, and Plummer, a doctor with no bedside manner. Strong language. 1993.

**Dancing on Glass BR 9675**
by Susan Taylor Chehak
2 volumes
Adolescent Wolfgang Von Vechten, angry that his mother had to marry his late father's business partner, kills the man and hangs himself. Years later, his nephew Bader marries the partner's

great-granddaughter Katherine. But Bader becomes involved with a neighbor's teenaged son, and when Katherine crashes to her death while dancing on a skylight, history repeats itself. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

**The Body in the Cornflakes BR 9676**
by K.K. Beck
2 volumes
Just before the grand reopening of his Galaxy Foods supermarket, old Karl Krogstad announces his engagement to the store's television model—Ginger of the enhanced bustline. When Ginger's body is found in the cornflakes display, assistant manager Ted Constantino suspects everyone: Karl's daughter-in-law, who thinks Ginger slept with her husband, Junior; Junior himself; and their spoiled son Lance, who wants the store. Some strong language. 1992.

**Dangerous to Know BR 9677**
by Margaret Yorke
2 volumes
Housewife Hermione Brown's life has become intolerable since her daughters have left home and her demanding husband Walter keeps her a virtual prisoner. Timid Hermione begins to save up for her escape by secretly cleaning houses. Meanwhile, Walter is creating a secret life of his own by stalking a woman he becomes obsessed with on the train. If he can't act on this obsession, sadistic Walter may take it out on Hermione and others. Violence. 1993.

**Death among the Dons BR 9679**
by Janet Neel
2 volumes
Francesca Wilson McLeish, wife of police superintendent John McLeish, is at home on maternity leave. But the baby cries all the time, and Francesca is miserable. When Dr. Judith Symonds, warden of Gladstone College, is murdered, the college hires Francesca as bursar to straighten out suspect accounts. Then someone else dies, and Francesca almost becomes a victim herself. 1993.

**Strawgirl BR 9681**
by Abigail Padgett
2 volumes
Bo Bradley is a San Diego child-abuse investigator who is struggling with manic depression. She is assigned the case of Samantha, a three-year-old who dies after hemorrhaging. The police suspect the mother's live-in anthropologist boyfriend, Paul, who has taken Samantha's sister and fled. Although Paul is a member of an unusual group, Bo is uneasy with the cult motive and searches for another suspect. Strong language and some violence. 1994.

**Crimson Roses BR 9682**
by Grace Livingston Hill
2 volumes
Marion Warren is rather put upon in the family home now that her brother's wife seems to have taken over. But Marion is strong enough to find a place of her own, and with the meagre earnings from her first job, she purchases a season ticket to the symphony. At the second concert, a rose appears on her seat, and then it happens at every concert. Delighted, Marion learns that the sender is Lyman, a wealthy young man who quickly makes his intentions known. 1928.

**Nine Lives to Murder BR 9683**
by Marian Babson
2 volumes
Leading Shakespearean actor Winstanley Fortescue awakens in great pain.

Was it a heart attack or was he in an accident? As he cautiously stretches his limbs he gasps in horror to see paws: he has become the stage cat, Monty! When he learns that his body (the Instrument) is in the hospital, Win sets out in Monty's body to learn just what happened. Some strong language. 1992.

**Crossing by Night BR 9701**
by David Aaron
4 volumes
Fictionalized account of the exploits of World War II spy Elizabeth Pack. Pack was an American debutante who married the British diplomat who impregnated her. When he gave up their baby to avoid embarrassment, Elizabeth was devastated. Her attempt to be a demure diplomatic spouse was quickly put aside when she was given the chance to save the ambassador to Spain. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

**Death of a Glutton BR 9704**
by M.C. Beaton
2 volumes
Excitement comes to the Scottish village of Lochdubh when a singles club visits. Run by efficient Maria Worth, the club attempts to find spouses for the wealthy. Maria's hopes for this group are dashed, however, when her obnoxious business partner, obese Peta Gore, decides to join the club and disgusts everyone with her overeating and bad personality. When Peta is found murdered, policeman Hamish Macbeth is not short of suspects. Some strong language. 1993.

**Debtors' Planet BR 9714**
by W.R. Thompson
2 volumes
When the unscrupulous Ferengi contract to bring advanced technology to a primitive world, it can only mean trouble. Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the crew of the starship *Enterprise* are sent to investigate. Aboard the *Enterprise* is a twentieth-century businessman, retrieved from cryonic suspension, who may be able to apply his own ruthless talents to thwart the plans of the Ferengi. A Star Trek, the Next Generation novel. 1994.

**Dark Mirror BR 9730**
by Diane Duane
3 volumes
When the *Enterprise* is drawn into a parallel universe, Captain Picard and his colleagues come face to face with an alternate *Enterprise* manned by persons identical to themselves. This universe turns out to be a place where humanity has gone awry, with rule by terror and brutality. And the evil counterparts of Picard and his crew are bent on capturing the *Enterprise* for sinister purposes. A Star Trek: The Next Generation novel. Bestseller 1993.

**The Pelican Brief BR 9731**
by John Grisham
3 volumes
Two Supreme Court Justices are murdered on the same night. One is very old and extremely liberal; the other is young, erratically conservative, and a closet homosexual. A top law student, Darby Shaw, makes the mistake of investigating the cases due to eventually come before the high court and pinpoints the mastermind behind the murders. Now Darby's running for her life. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1992.

**The Celestine Prophecy: An Adventure**
**BR 9732**
by James Redfield
2 volumes
The author embarks on a search for an ancient Peruvian manuscript that predicts a massive transformation in human society. He meets with resistance from government and church authorities in Peru, who attempt to suppress knowledge of the manuscript. He persists, however, discovering nine spiritual insights in separate encounters, beginning with the most common—an awareness of coincidences in life. Some strong language. Bestseller 1993.

**Dinotopia: A Land Apart from Time**
**BR 9906**
by James Gurney
1 volume
In 1860 biologist Arthur Denison and his son Will sail from Boston on a voyage of discovery. Two years later they are shipwrecked and carried by dolphins to the lost island of Dinotopia. There dinosaurs and people live harmoniously together, sharing the dinosaurs' centuries of knowledge and the newer learning brought by the humans. For junior and senior high and older readers. Bestseller 1992.

# Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

## Nonfiction

**The Moon of the Gray Wolves: The Thirteen Moons, New Edition BR 9645**
by Jean Craighead George
1 volume
The leader of the Toklat River wolf pack—which included his mate, three adult helpers, and five pups—sniffed the subzero November air heavy with the scent of caribou. A herd 1,000 strong was approaching Toklat Pass in Alaska on their yearly migration. The gray wolves would strike down for food the sick, weak, or old, and the pups would have the major test of their first year of life. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1991.

**The Moon of the Winter Bird: The Thirteen Moons, New Edition BR 9646**
by Jean Craighead George
1 volume
During the cold of December, a song sparrow sits in a blue spruce tree near a yellow house not far from the Olentangy River in Ohio. The sparrow should have been in Alabama as he had been every other winter with the other song sparrows. Nature had given him the clues to leave, but he did not. He had become a "winter bird" staying with those who live in the cold. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1992.

**The Moon of the Moles: The Thirteen Moons, New Edition BR 9647**
by Jean Craighead George
1 volume
The little eastern mole, silvery-brown

and as small as a child's hand, lives two feet under the ground near Crooked Creek, Kansas. Awakened by earth tremors, she speeds in total darkness along one of the tunnels in her underground network. The author calls the moon of December-January, when the nights are darkest in the Northern Hemisphere, the moon of the moles. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1992.

**Freedom's Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories BR 9686**
by Ellen Levine
2 volumes
The words of participants in landmark civil rights struggles recreate their experiences. African Americans who were children or teens at the time share memories of segregation, of the Montgomery bus boycott, of integrating the schools, of "Bloody Sunday," and of sit-ins, freedom rides, and voter registration drives. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1993.

**Hand, Heart, and Mind: The Story of the Education of America's Deaf People BR 9702**
by Lou Ann Walker
1 volume
Surveys the education of deaf people since ancient times. The author describes discrimination; early schools in Europe; and the feud between the Gallaudets, father and son, and Alexander Graham Bell over the methods used to educate deaf people in America. She also discusses the 1988 demand by deaf students for a deaf president at Gallaudet University. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1994.

**Houses and Homes BR 9918**
by Ann Morris
1 volume
A simple, poetic look at houses the world over—in the United States, India, England, Colombia, Papua New Guinea, Nigeria, Bali, Thailand, and many other places. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2 and older readers. 1992.

**Cowboy Country BR 9920**
by Ann Herbert Scott
1 volume
An "old buckaroo" and his dog, Matilda, take a young companion on a tour of "cowboy country." As they saddle up for a ride on the range, the cowboy tells of gear, procedures, terrain, and cows. He also warns of the hard work, mean conditions, and stretches of loneliness, but admits the cowboys' deep love for the life and the work. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3 and older readers. 1993.

# Fiction

**Dragonwings BR 9550**
by Laurence Yep
2 volumes
Moon Shadow sails from China in 1903 to join his father in San Francisco's Chinatown. The father is obsessed with the dream of making a flying machine, and he and Moon Shadow endure poverty and ridicule to make the dream come true. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1975.

**Secret of the Andes BR 9563**
by Ann Nolan Clark
1 volume
High up in a hidden valley in the Andes, an Inca boy whose identity is a

mystery is chosen to know the secret of two ancient Inca treasures. For grades 5-8. Newbery Medal. 1952.

**Rabbit Hill BR 9570**
by Robert Lawson
1 volume
When a new family moves into a big house that has been standing empty, they start an extra-large garden. The small animals rejoice because they really have missed the garden they once depended on. For grades 3-6. Newbery Medal. 1944.

**Strawberry Girl BR 9585**
by Lois Lenski
1 volume
This regional story contrasts the lives of an industrious family of Florida Crackers, struggling to make a living from their strawberry patch, and the shiftless family who lives on the adjoining farm. For grades 4-7. Newbery Medal. 1945.

**The Case of the Vampire Cat BR 9587**
by John R. Erickson
1 volume
Hank the Cowdog, with his characteristic humor, tells a "double-scary story" of being lost and abandoned in Picket Canyon in his search to solve the mystery of the vampire cat, Mary D. A Hank the Cowdog book. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1993.

**The Light in the Forest BR 9589**
by Conrad Richter
1 volume
Once he was John Cameron Butler, but for the past eleven years, True Son, a fifteen-year-old white boy raised by Indians, has been the loved and adopted child of a great Lenni Lenape warrior. Now, forcibly returned to his family, True Son cannot believe that the pallid man standing before him in a garment the color of a woman's expects True Son to accept him as his father. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1953.

**Switching Well BR 9628**
by Peni R. Griffin
2 volumes
In this time-travel fantasy, two girls from different centuries inadvertently trade places. Sitting by an old well near her San Antonio home in 1891, twelve-year-old Ada wishes herself 100 years into the future. Simultaneously, in 1991, Amber, another discontented twelve-year-old seated at the same well, wishes herself back in time when, she believes, life was easy. Both girls learn that each century has its problems. For grades 5-8. 1993.

**The Old Motel Mystery BR 9674**
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
1 volume
The Alden children—Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny—fly to Florida with Aunt Jane, who has come to visit her friend, Kay Kingsley. The motel that Kay runs in Lyndale is very run-down; it was in bad shape when she inherited it and she hasn't been able to fix it up. Kay is thinking of selling out and moving to an apartment. The children offer to fix the place up but someone seems bent on stopping them. A Boxcar Children mystery for grades 3-6 and older readers. 1992.

**Mike's Mystery BR 9678**
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
1 volume
The Alden children—Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny—can't wait for summer vacation so they can get back to Mystery Ranch, where Aunt Jane lives. Last summer uranium was discovered on the ranch, and stores, churches, and

schools have come with the influx of miners. An old friend from back East, Mike Wood, has also moved nearby. When his house burns down in a mysterious fire, Mike is a prime suspect. A Boxcar Children mystery for grades 3-6 and older readers. 1960.

**It's Not the End of the World BR 9756**
by Judy Blume
1 volume
It does seem like the end of the world to Karen Newman when her parents separate. Though she tries very hard at first to make her parents reconsider, Karen finally begins to realize that their divorce is not the end of the world for anybody. For grades 4-7. 1972.

**Mike Fink: A Tall Tale BR 9910**
retold by Steven Kellogg
1 volume
Born near the Allegheny Mountains, Mike Fink decided at the tender age of two days old that he hated being shut indoors and became a runaway. Mike saw the rugged keelboatmen, heard the tales of their mighty exploits, and decided he wanted to be one. The author retells the tall tale of Mike Fink, the most famous of the strong, rough, and rowdy keelboatmen. For grades K-3 and older readers. 1992.

**The Wedding of Brown Bear and White Bear BR 9911**
by Martine Beck
1 volume
Brown Bear, who lives alone, is an excellent fisherman, cook, and skier. And while he is generally a happy sort of guy, sometimes at night he feels a tinge of loneliness. That is, until he sees beautiful White Bear skating on the pond. He dreams of her. They meet, and soon they are spending all of their time together. PRINT/ BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1989.

**Christopher: The Holy Giant BR 9912**
by Tomie DePaola
1 volume
Reprobus, a mighty giant, wants to serve the most powerful king in the world. After stints with a king, the devil, and a hermit who proclaims Christ the greatest king of all, Reprobus seeks to serve Christ. The hermit suggests that he serve by helping others across a dangerous river. One night he unknowingly carries Christ, and Reprobus becomes Christopher—bearer-of-Christ. PRINT/ BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2 and older readers. 1994.

**Owen BR 9913**
by Kevin Henkes
1 volume
Owen has a blanket, Fuzzy, that he's had since he was a baby and loves with all his heart. Owen takes Fuzzy everywhere with him. Mrs. Tweezers, the neighbor, thinks Owen is getting too old to carry around a blanket. She tells his parents about the Blanket Fairy, the vinegar trick, and saying "no," but nothing can pry Fuzzy from Owen. When Owen starts school, though, his mother knows just what to do. PRINT/ BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1993.

**Fables BR 9914**
by Arnold Lobel
1 volume
Twenty original fables featuring an array of animal characters from kangaroos to crocodiles. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3 and older readers. Caldecott Medal. 1980.

**Drummer Hoff BR 9915**
by Barbara Emberley
1 volume
A folk rhyme tells how soldiers work together to fire their cannon. Caldecott Medal. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3 and older readers. 1967.

**Silly Sally BR 9917**
by Audrey Wood
1 volume
A nonsense story in rhyme about Silly Sally and the friends that she makes as she travels to town—backward and upside down. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1992.

**Dogteam BR 9919**
by Gary Paulsen
1 volume
The author, who has twice participated in the Iditarod dogsled race across Alaska and who trains dogs for the race, writes of the night run. Under the full moon, the dogs run for the joy of running in this prose poem that describes the danger, excitement, and beauty of a night run. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1993.

**Uncle Jed's Barbershop BR 9921**
by Margaree King Mitchell
1 volume
It takes Sarah Jean's Uncle Jed a long time to open his barbershop, but he does not give up his dream. In the 1920s in the rural South where most black people are sharecroppers, Uncle Jed travels around the county cutting hair and saving for the barbershop. Sarah Jean needs an operation, then the banks fail, and Uncle Jed has to start over again, but he opens his barbershop on his seventy-ninth birthday. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3 and older readers. 1993.

**The Tub Grandfather BR 9923**
by Pam Conrad
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In this sequel to *The Tub People (BR 7946)*, the seven toy figures now live on a bright green braided rug that looks like a sunny field. While playing ball, the child discovers his long-lost grandfather, dusty and lying on his side under the radiator. The Tub People try, but they cannot make the grandfather come to life. Then the radiator begins to whistle a tune that the grandmother hums in his ear. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1993.

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by Michael R. Phillips
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In response to patron and library requests, NLS will make *Braille Book Review* and *Talking Book Topics* available on computer diskette. A one-year pilot project beginning with the January-February issues will give you the opportunity to subscribe to this diskette product.

The diskette edition will contain both *Braille Book Review* and *Talking Book Topics* as two separate ASCII text files on one 3½-inch IBM-compatible diskette. The data will be readable by nearly all editing or file-reading software. Each file will consist of the "In Brief" section, the book listings complete with annotation, and a magazines listing. Indexes and order forms will not be included. This format is already available through the Internet by accessing LC MARVEL.

Each diskette will be packaged in a standard diskette mailer and sent directly to patrons who subscribe. You will receive the diskette around the same time as you receive other formats of *Braille Book Review* and *Talking Book Topics* to which you currently subscribe. You will continue to receive these formats also during this pilot project, unless you request a change. The diskette is to be kept, not returned to the producer or your library.

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# Survey on Recorded Discs with *Braille Book Review*

During September readers of the braille edition of *Braille Book Review* were sent a survey asking their preference in regard to the recorded discs included with the braille version of *Braille Book Review*. These discs contain the complete respective issue of *Talking Book Topics*.

Recently the NLS National Advisory Group on Collection-Building Activities, which is made up of reader representatives and librarians, recommended that the recorded discs no longer be sent with *Braille Book Review*. The committee suggested that if it were not necessary to wait for the recorded discs to be produced, *Braille Book Review* could be mailed earlier in the bimonthly schedule. That way readers would be aware of the arrival of braille books at their libraries in a more timely manner.

If this change were made, everything else would stay the same. The short descriptions of recorded books incorporated into the *Braille Book Review* magazine, and the braille order forms for recorded books would still be included. *Talking Book Topics* on recorded disc or cassette would still be available as a separate subscription. The change would begin in January 1996.

Any readers who have not received the survey may send a letter indicating their preference (in print or braille) to the Publications and Media Section, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542.

The results of this survey and the decision regarding a change will be announced in a future issue of *Braille Book Review*.

# NLS Publishes Circular on Disabilities

NLS has published a new reference circular listing titles and sources of audiovisual materials on visual and physical disabilities. *Sources of Audiovisual Materials on Disabilities* is compiled from catalogs and descriptive brochures from producers, distributors, and organizations in the United States. It provides titles, sources, and current prices and includes a complete listing of addresses of sources. The circular is available in regular print. To request a copy, contact the Reference Section, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542. The circular is also available to Internet users through the LC MARVEL system.

# Annual Factsheet Available in Braille

The 1995 edition of the NLS factsheet *Books for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals* is now available in braille. The factsheet describes the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and contains current statistics and a list of available publications. To request a copy of the factsheet, contact the Reference Section at the address given above.

# Datefinder

Braille datefinders are available free from NLS. The 2½ by 3¼-inch datefinders give the day of the week on which the first day of the month falls for the months of July 1995 through June 1996. The datefinders also incorporate a signature guide. To receive one or more of these datefinders, contact the NLS Publications and Media Section at the address given above.

# What's New?

The 1995 edition of *What's New?* is now available in braille. It describes some of the latest NLS publications and other program developments. Request *What's New?* from the NLS Reference Section at the address given above. *What's New?* can also be accessed on LC MARVEL.

# Books for Adults

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

**Note:** For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

## Nonfiction

**Windows from the Keyboard BR 9411**
by Nicholas Baran
3 volumes
How to operate Microsoft Windows with increased speed, efficiency, and interface consistency without a mouse, or with reduced reliance on a mouse, by using a set of keystroke commands applicable to laptop and desktop computers. Following an overview of Windows, the author devotes individual chapters to specific programs such as WordPerfect and Lotus 1-2-3. 1993.

**Polish Heritage Cookery BR 9460**
by Robert and Maria Strybel
11 volumes
Warsaw-based American author of the "Polish Chef" column and his Polish wife present more than 2,000 recipes arranged in twenty-nine categories, from spices, herbs, and seasonings to bread and rolls. Directions are in American standard temperatures, measures, and weights. Includes historical and cultural background and ideas for reducing cholesterol and fat in traditional recipes. 1993.

**The Comedy of Errors BR 9544**
by William Shakespeare
1 volume
Late sixteenth-century farce. Egeon and Emilia name each of their twin sons Antipholus and hire twin attendants, each named Dromio. A shipwreck separates the family, dividing it in half. The son who lives with Egeon takes his Dromio in search of his mother and his twin and fails to return. Egeon goes to Ephesus, an unfriendly place for a man from Syracuse, to look for them, but a demand for ransom and mistaken identity complicate matters. 1963.

**Acts of Faith: Daily Meditations for People of Color BR 9565**
by Iyanla Vanzant
2 volumes
Daily meditative statements that Vanzant hopes will "assist the children of the earth in the redevelopment of their minds, bodies, and spirits." Divided into sections on self, world, others, and money and abundance, the book includes quotations from the Bible and Yoruba proverbs, as well as from persons such as Maya Angelou, Les Brown, James Baldwin, and Marvin Gaye. 1993.

**Death by Chocolate: The Last Word on a Consuming Passion BR 9566**
by Marcel Desaulniers
2 volumes
Chef of the Trellis Restaurant in Colonial Williamsburg reveals recipes for his famous desserts. Desaulniers's instructions, appropriate for home kitchens, include his version of old favorites such as brownies and chocolate chip cookies, as well as recipes that may cause "chocolate dementia." The author adds "bits and pieces of information about

chocolate" and accompanies most recipes with "the chef's touch." 1992.

**Cooking with Master Chefs BR 9586**
by Julia Child
2 volumes
Child brings together sixteen professional chefs who contribute recipes written for the serious home cook. The techniques for preparation and cooking are explained in detail. Notes provide many useful tips about finding exotic ingredients, making substitutions, judging the freshness of the ingredients, and using proper equipment. 1993.

**Aristotle BR 9593**
by Jonathan Barnes
1 volume
A brief introduction to the writings of an ancient Greek thinker whose ideas earned him an ardent if controversial following during his lifetime, dominated the Middle Ages, and continue to influence modern thought. Barnes portrays Aristotle as a philosopher who was equally respected for his scientific studies and his opinions about art and poetry. 1982.

**Wheels and Waves: A Cruise, Ferry, River, and Canal Barge Guide for the Physically Handicapped BR 9690**
by Genie and George Aroyan
2 volumes
A high door sill for keeping water out is just one of the barriers to shipboard travel for those with physical handicaps. The authors (one well-traveled and paraplegic) give data about which cruises and boats (from large ships to small sailboats) are accommodating. They note the size of passageways, the availability of elevators and "handicapped" cabins, and the need for an attendant. 1993.

**A Literary Christmas: Great Contemporary Christmas Stories BR 9703**
edited by Lilly Golden
3 volumes
In one story, a poor child's last thread of hope snaps. Another tale reveals the tension that builds up when some families gather. The ubiquitous Christmas play includes a part for a small girl with a big voice, who happens to be Jewish. In all, twenty-seven stories explore the spirit of Christmas and what it means in cultural, psychological, secular, religious, and emotional terms. Some strong language. 1992.

**The Day of the Dead: And Other Mortal Reflections BR 9719**
by F. Gonzalez-Crussi
1 volume
Pathologist Gonzalez-Crussi collaborated on a BBC documentary that was a "stark visual record of mortality." These six essays are "an attempt to cast into literary form the varied reflections or meditations sparked . . . and the experiences incurred . . . in the course of the production." An embalmer tells of the many adventures of the well-preserved corpse of Evita Peron, and the author's uncle complains that he can't finish dying. 1993.

**Tower of Secrets: A Real Life Spy Thriller BR 9733**
by Victor Sheymov
4 volumes
Major Victor Sheymov, a loyal KGB employee, was head of the Soviets' cipher-communications security worldwide. The more Sheymov became disillusioned with Communism, the more concerned he was for his and his family's safety. Sheymov relates his decision to defect and inflict damage on the So-

viet Union. After his escape to the United States, he discloses facets of Russia's game of espionage. Strong language and some violence. 1993.

**Becoming a Man: Half a Life Story BR 9742**
by Paul Monette
3 volumes
Author of *Borrowed Time: An AIDS Memoir (BR 7469)* explains in this prequel how he wasted years of his life before he came out of the closet. Monette's self-portrait depicts his personal resentment of the duplicity of his life, his struggle to come to terms with his homosexuality, and the relief he felt once he met Roger, his longtime companion. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1992.

**After the Baby's Birth . . . A Woman's Way to Wellness: A Complete Guide for Postpartum Women BR 9757**
by Robin Lim
3 volumes
Asserting that a woman is pregnant for nine months but postpartum for the rest of her life, Lim describes ways to make the transition into the postpartum state easier and more enjoyable. Discussed are breastfeeding and weaning, exercises, diet, and herbs, as well as the emotional changes new mothers face. Lim's advice is laced with the philosophy of Eastern medicine. 1991.

**A Guide to Guide Dog Schools, Second Edition BR 9759**
by Ed and Toni Eames
2 volumes
A resource for blind individuals considering partnership with guide dogs. Following an overview of considerations, including the costs and benefits of having a guide dog, the book lists seventeen training programs, describing each school in detail. 1994.

**The Longest Day: June 6, 1944 BR 9765**
by Cornelius Ryan
3 volumes
A reconstruction of the D-Day invasion of Europe, covering the hours before and after the massive landing in Normandy. The author depicts the Nazi enemy the Allied forces fought and the civilians who were caught in the epic battle that would determine the course of fascism. Bestseller 1959.

**Oh! Say Can You See . . . BR 9771**
by The American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults
1 volume
An agency that specializes in services for blind children, elderly blind persons, and deaf-blind individuals provides this volume describing the types of assistance and products available through agency offices and government programs. The book introduces readers to a person who is both deaf and blind and to a family with a teenager who was born blind and lost his hearing. 1992.

**Roommates: My Grandfather's Story BR 9790**
by Max Apple
2 volumes
From three generations living under the same roof in Michigan, young Max chose his grandfather, Rocky, for a roommate. A Jewish baker from Lithuania, Rocky finally accepted the sad fact that Max was not cut out to be a rabbi. In graduate school, Max again shared his apartment with feisty, widowed, ninety-three-year-old Rocky. A woman broke the duo up, but until Rocky died

at 106, he remained a central figure in Max's life. Some strong language. 1994.

# Fiction

**The Client BR 9551**
by John Grisham
4 volumes
The client is eleven-year-old Mark Sway, who retained lawyer Reggie Love with a one-dollar bill. The reason Mark needs a lawyer is the same reason his eight-year-old brother is comatose in the hospital from shock—they witnessed a suicide. The victim was a lawyer and unfortunately he told Mark something before he died—something the police, the FBI, and the mafia are very interested in. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1993.

**Strange Devices of the Sun and Moon BR 9553**
by Lisa Goldstein
3 volumes
London, 1590. A band of faeries invades the city as conspirators plot to unseat Queen Elizabeth I. The sprites are looking for their long-awaited king, Arthur—son of Alice Wood, a widowed bookseller. But also searching are alchemist Paul Hogg and famed London author Christopher Marlowe. As their paths cross with the faeries, a battle between good and evil ensues. For high school and older readers. 1993.

**The Cover Artist BR 9561**
by Paul Micou
2 volumes
Satire on the art world. Oscar Lemoine, a cartoonist and caricaturist, and his dog Elizabeth return to New York after escaping for more than a year in the south of France. Known for his wicked nude drawings of public figures on the cover of *Lowdown*, Oscar fled in confusion when he belatedly learned that the magazine was pornographic. But the peace he found abroad was short-lived when he fell in love with a manipulative woman. Descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1990.

**The Slow Natives BR 9564**
by Thea Astley
2 volumes
The Australian Leverson family consists of affable music teacher Bernard; his wife, Iris; and their sullen son, Keith. Bernard really doesn't mind when he learns that Iris is having an affair, but for Keith it is definitely the last straw. Keith loathes everything about his parents even though he loves them, and he secretly admits he could use some disciplining. A last act of rebellion finally tests his parents' limits. Strong language. 1965.

**Ride the Dark Trail BR 9568**
by Louis L'Amour
2 volumes
Widow Emily Talon is wearing down. Since the last worker on her Colorado ranch was killed, she has kept a twenty-four-hour vigil against Jake Flanner and his men, who are conspiring to take over her ranch. Hearing of the woman's plight, drifter Logan Sackett discovers that, like him, Emily is a Tennessee Sackett. Vowing to help her until her wandering sons return, Logan is determined to teach Jake Flanner's men a lesson. Some strong language and violence. 1972.

**The Sackett Brand BR 9571**
by Louis L'Amour
1 volume
Forty gunslingers from the Lazy A

Ranch plan to hang Tell Sackett if they can catch him, but the rest of the Sacketts—politicians, outlaws, cattlemen, bankers, and tinkers—come to Tell's rescue. Some strong language and some violence. 1965.

**The Lonely Men BR 9572**
by Louis L'Amour
2 volumes
When Tell Sackett receives an urgent plea from the wife of his brother, Orrin, to rescue Orrin's son from the Apaches, Tell has no idea that the embittered woman is setting a trap for him. But by the time he and his comrades have completed their adventure in the mountainous Arizona Apache territory, Tell has devised a way to pay her back. Some strong language and some violence. 1969.

**The Shaman's Knife BR 9573**
by Scott Young
3 volumes
After solving *Murder in a Cold Climate (BR 8160)*, Matteesie Kitologitak, the diminutive Inuit inspector with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, has a personal stake in his new case. While visiting relatives, Matteesie's ancient nomadic mother was struck down by the fleeing murderer of a young Inuit man and his grandmother. Matteesie looks to the young Inuit crowd for a killer with a surprising murder weapon. Some violence and some strong language. 1993.

**The Sky-liners BR 9576**
by Louis L'Amour
2 volumes
The two Sackett brothers, Flagan and Galloway, run into Black Fetchen's gang in town, and a feud develops. The Sacketts are good fighters, but they must contend with the best gunslingers in the country. Some strong language and some violence. 1967.

**The Morning Gift BR 9577**
by Eva Ibbotson
3 volumes
Ruth Berger, separated from her family during the early days of World War II, marries longtime English family friend, Quinton Somerville, in order to get out of Vienna. They plan to annul the marriage upon arrival in England so Ruth may marry Cousin Heini, a musician from Budapest. But the situation becomes complicated when Ruth and Quinton finally consummate their marriage and he gives her a gift the next morning. 1993.

**Under the Silk Cotton Tree BR 9594**
by Jean Buffong
2 volumes
Beginning and ending with the account of the wedding of her two admired teachers, a "fete for so," young Flora gives a fast-paced, rambling account of the highs and lows of her life thus far on Grenada. She lives with her mother and siblings after her father leaves for St. Croix to strike it rich and never returns. Some strong language. For high school and older readers. 1993.

**The Virgin Suicides BR 9600**
by Jeffrey Eugenides
2 volumes
The neighborhood boys are obsessed with the five Lisbon sisters. The boys are attending the strict Lisbons' first party when thirteen-year-old Cecilia Lisbon succeeds on her second attempt to kill herself. They are on hand again a year later when the other sisters follow Cecilia's lead. Even after the boys become men, they still try to sort out what

happened and why. Strong language, violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

**The Terminal Man BR 9630**
by Michael Crichton
2 volumes
After a car accident, thirty-four-year-old computer scientist Harry Benson experiences blackouts during which he engages in violent behavior. In addition, he has a growing paranoia that machines are taking over the earth. In a test case, doctors implant a computer in Harry to control the blackouts. But before they can perfect the interface, Harry escapes. Will the computer fuel his violent paranoia? Violence and strong language. 1972.

**Song of Solomon BR 9632**
by Toni Morrison
3 volumes (Reissue)
This novel surveys nearly a century of American history as it impinges upon four generations of a single black family. Macon Dead III, known as Milkman, is the first black baby allowed to be born in Mercy Hospital in the 1930s. Milkman undertakes an epic journey into an understanding of his family's heritage and, hence, himself. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1977.

**Hula BR 9633**
by Lisa Shea
1 volume
A ten-year-old girl and her slightly older sister fill their summer days with imaginative activities in their backyard. One is to hula dance the way their mother taught them. But their father takes away the grass skirts their mother brings home from the dance studio. Disturbed since the Vietnam War, their father is prone to rages and shooting sprees, so the girls are careful to stay out of his way. Some violence. For high school and older readers. 1994.

**The Wedding Dress: Stories from the Dakota Plains BR 9634**
by Carrie Young
1 volume
In the title story, Ildri, a seamstress of Norwegian descent, is asked to model an intricately made wedding dress. Upon leaving her position, Ildri buys the dress and lends it to a succession of brides in her homesteading community before finding her own bittersweet use for it. The collection's other stories are also peopled with Norwegian Americans on the Dakota Plains. Some strong language. 1992.

**Dead Man's Island BR 9684**
by Carolyn G. Hart
2 volumes
Retired newspaper reporter Henrietta O'Dwyer Collins (Henrie O.) is surprised to be summoned by her long-ago lover, powerful Chase Prescott. Chase has also invited all of his close associates and family to the island he owns to determine with Henrie O. which of them tried to murder him. This task is made more difficult when a repeat of the hurricane that gave Dead Man's Island its name occurs. Strong language and violence. 1993.

**Criminal Damage BR 9685**
by Margaret Yorke
2 volumes
Mrs. Newton, an English widow, never stays long in one house; she fixes it up and moves on. But her enjoyable, tidy, solitary life begins to unravel when her daughter Jennifer's live-in boyfriend leaves her for another woman. Jennifer reacts badly, stalking the couple and

vandalizing their things. Mrs. Newton's secret past makes her qualified to counsel Jennifer, but now she has some dreadful problems of her own. 1992.

**The Plymouth Cloak: The Second Tale of Roger the Chapman BR 9706**
by Kate Sedley
2 volumes
Roger the Chapman is in Exeter to peddle his wares when he is summoned by the king's brother, the duke of Gloucester. The duke, familiar with Roger's previous daring deeds, requests that he join the king's messenger, who is delivering an important letter. Roger learns there are many who want to cause harm to messenger Philip Underdown, and not just because of the letter. Some strong language and some violence. 1992.

**The Firm BR 9707**
by John Grisham
4 volumes
Bendini, Lambert, and Locke is a Memphis law firm specializing in taxes and making millionaires. The extensive dossier it has on Mitchell Y. McDeere indicates he is just the man for their firm. To Mitch, their job offer seems too good to be true. He accepts, and it isn't long before he begins to realize that the firm is not what it appears to be. Suddenly Mitch finds himself between a rock and a hard place. Some strong language. Bestseller 1991.

**Stark's Justice: A Judge Earl Stark Western BR 9708**
by James Reasoner
2 volumes
When stagecoach guard Earl Stark listens in on a murder trial, he realizes a man is going to be hanged illegally. Compelled to step in and straighten things out, Stark displays a knowledge of the law that earns him a quick entrance into the bar. But when Stark's lady friend is shot down, he forgets his new profession. As far as he's concerned, her killers are already tried and convicted. Strong language and violence. 1994.

**Shadow Play BR 9711**
by Charles Baxter
3 volumes
Wyatt Palmer, artistic and clever as a boy, is now an assistant city manager in a small town. When an old school chum turns up with an offer to bring in business and jobs in the form of a chemical plant, a deal is cut. Citizens of the local community seem pleased with what WaldChem has done for them. But Palmer knows the awful truth about what the company is doing to their environment, and now he must make a dreadful decision. Some strong language. 1993.

**The Bold Thing BR 9712**
by Mark Daniel
3 volumes
Micky Brennan was a horseman before he was sent to Her Majesty's prison for running someone down while drunk and drugged. Now free, Micky, shunned by old acquaintances, reluctantly agrees to go back home to Ireland to run a disabled American woman's horse farm. But Micky's troubles are not over: the woman is being pressured to pay extortion for being a "guest of Ireland." Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1990.

**Uncertain Magic BR 9713**
by Laura Kinsale
3 volumes
In the eighteenth century, Roderica De-

lamore is cursed with the family's psychic gift. Her fear that she will never marry or lead a normal life is lifted when she meets the infamous Faelan Iveragh and cannot penetrate his mysterious mind. Faelan is puzzled by Roderica's offer of marriage but accepts—much to the dismay of Roderica's family. Is Faelan's wicked reputation true? Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. 1987.

**Murder on the Potomac BR 9715**
by Margaret Truman
2 volumes
When the body of Pauline Juris, secretary to Wendell Tierney, is found alongside the Potomac River, Tierney seeks the advice of law professor Mac Smith. Incriminating evidence in the form of love letters turns up in Pauline's apartment. It seems that more than one of the Tierneys is suspect. Meanwhile they all take part in a playacting group that re-creates old Washington murders. Some strong language. Bestseller 1994.

**The Courtship of Princess Leia BR 9716**
by Dave Wolverton
3 volumes
Princess Leia of the New Republic considers marrying Prince Isolder of the Hapes Consortium in order to form a military alliance against the Empire. Han Solo, shocked to learn he now has a rival for the hand of Princess Leia, takes a last, desperate gamble to win her back. His ploy brings Leia, followed by Luke Skywalker and Prince Isolder, to the untamed planet Dathomir, where new dangers await. A Star Wars novel. 1994.

**The Waters of Thirst BR 9717**
by Adam Mars-Jones
2 volumes
William is a gay British actor who works doing voice-overs, has a monogamous live-in relationship with an airline worker, and suffers from kidney disease. William humorously describes his bittersweet life: elaborate dinner parties, encounters with the couple's strange neighbors and friends, his obsession with a pornographic model, and his hope that a careless motorcyclist will provide a kidney. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

**Almost Home BR 9736**
by Debra S. Cowan
2 volumes
Leah Becker, a widow, really loved her husband Robert and knows she will never love anyone else. But the shipping business Robert started is in great trouble, and Leah can't save it alone. She goes to businessman Cabot Montgomery for assistance and is shocked by the offer he makes. He will help her if she agrees to marry him and give him the legitimate heir he wants. But can Leah forget Robert? Some descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Peter Nevsky and the True Story of the Russian Moon Landing BR 9737**
by John Calvin Batchelor
5 volumes
Russia, 1968. Peter Nevsky, son of a World War II flying ace who was murdered by Stalin's men, arrives at Starry Town, home of the cosmonaut corps. At twenty-two, Peter has come to keep a childhood appointment with the moon. But his life will be ruled by the Martian Troika (three men who flew with his father and are the soul of the space pro-

gram) and by two powerful women—Katya and Daemonia. Strong language. 1993.

**The Fire Eaters BR 9738**
by William Cobb
2 volumes
Damon Bell is five when he begins his story of growing up with his widowed mother, his four siblings, a fruit jar containing his father's severed ear, and the family secret of a black grandfather. His mother soon marries Barry, with three children and an alcohol problem. After Barry's deserts them, the expanded family struggles along, the mother marries again, and a grown Damon tries to come to terms with his family history. Strong language. 1994.

**A World for Julius BR 9739**
by Alfredo Bryce Echenique
5 volumes
Julius is a young boy growing up among the social elite in Lima, Peru, during the 1940s and 1950s. His father died when he was two, and he rarely sees his mother. His time is spent playing in the great carriage that once belonged to his great-grandfather, the president of the republic. But as Julius's world expands through school and trips abroad, he starts to realize the changes the outside world is bringing to his country. Strong language. 1970.

**Secrets of Paris BR 9740**
by Luanne Rice
3 volumes
Shortly after her father shocks Lydie and her mother by shooting himself and a woman he secretly loved, Lydie's husband Michael gets a year-long assignment in Paris. Upset when Lydie is unable to enjoy the romance of the city, Michael falls in love with a colleague. Meanwhile, Lydie has finally made friends: an American married to a Frenchman and their Filipino housekeeper. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1991.

**Hard Road to Gettysburg BR 9743**
by Ted Jones
3 volumes
Caroline Wade's happiness when her twin sister, Victoria, visits from Alabama turns to horror when two men break in to kill Caroline—on her husband's orders. Victoria's slave rescues the twins but an injured and pregnant Victoria is bedridden until the birth of her triplets. She leaves one infant with Caroline in Illinois and returns south, not realizing that the siblings will meet again—on opposite sides of the Civil War. Strong language and violence. 1993.

**Burning Bright BR 9744**
by Melissa Scott
3 volumes
Starpilot Quinn Lioe needs to have some work done on her starship at the planet Burning Bright. She plans to take the opportunity to play a game of virtual reality also. But Quinn finds herself becoming a pawn in a power struggle between two empires—the human and the hsai. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

**The Grub-and-Stakers House a Haunt BR 9746**
by Alisa Craig
2 volumes
Widow Zilla Trott is in her kitchen making a cup of camomile tea for herself and her cat when the ghost of Hiram Jellyby suddenly appears. He was murdered some years ago, and he wants Zilla to find his bones and bury

them decently so he can rest in peace. Hiram also wants her to look for a wooden box of gold that he buried. When Zilla and her friends begin digging, they uncover more than bones and gold. 1993.

**"Earth Angel" BR 9748**
by Eileen Hehl
3 volumes
Fifty-three-year-old Kathryn Stuart is shocked when former high school classmate Jamie Chandler answers an ad for her fifties' records. Jamie is thrilled to find Kath, who had dated and married his best friend Gary. Kath refuses to discuss the past, including Gary, who died in Vietnam. But Jamie, who is opening a fifties' restaurant, is stuck on the past and has always loved Kath. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

**In a Pig's Eye BR 9750**
by Robert Campbell
2 volumes
Jimmy Flannery, sewer inspector, has just become the Democratic councilman for Ward Twenty-seven. His wife Mary, a nurse working with pregnant women, is herself expecting. While Flannery works out at his club one day, a man known only as P. Pig drops dead. Of course Flannery wants to know who he is and why he died, especially when the cops tell him to butt out. Some strong language. 1991.

**The Diary of Emily Dickinson BR 9760**
by Jamie Fuller
1 volume
This fictional diary of the thirty-seventh year of nineteenth-century poet Emily Dickinson contains 102 entries, twenty-five "new" poems, and biographical and other editorial comments. The premise is that a workman found this diary hidden in a wall after Dickinson's death. Enthralled, he kept it secret until shortly before he died. This "window into her thoughts" reflects the themes found in Dickinson's poems and letters. 1993.

**The Quilt BR 9762**
by T. Davis Bunn
1 volume
Mary can hardly remember when she was a little girl, the years seem to have gone so fast. Now she is old, and she hopes she has raised her family the way the Lord would have wanted her to. But something has been keeping her awake at night, and she finally realizes what it is: she is to make a quilt, and "not a stitch is to be sewn without a prayer of thanks." As the quilt-making draws to an end, so does Mary's life. 1993.

**The Twenty-third Dream BR 9767**
by Kathlyn Whitsitt Egbert
2 volumes
When middle-aged Adam Stauffer is diagnosed with Stage IV cancer, he and his family try to prepare for his impending death. After a difficult period when Adam is temporarily put on a respirator, he convinces his wife to travel with him and their three children back to his father's Texas ranch. As Adam explains, slowly dying feels like getting ready to go back to where you came from. Adam's journal entries describe his growing acceptance. 1993.

**Jedi Search: The Jedi Academy Trilogy, Volume 1 BR 9768**
by Kevin J. Anderson
3 volumes
In the wake of the Republic's victory over the evil Empire, Luke Skywalker wants to reinstate the order of Jedi

knights. He begins a precarious mission to find descendants of the nearly exterminated Jedis. Meanwhile, Han Solo and Chewbacca discover a remnant base of the Empire under the command of a ruthless woman who has at her disposal a weapon more destructive than the Empire's death stars. A Star Wars novel. Bestseller 1994.

**The Tracks of Angels BR 9773**
by Kelly Dwyer
2 volumes
The afternoon of her father's funeral, young Laura Neuman takes a Greyhound bus from California to Boston to start a new life. Shaking off the creepy feeling that she's being watched, Laura takes a waitressing job and begins to educate herself with an encyclopedia. A slightly irritable angel appears in Laura's apartment, as Laura thinks back on the sad events that led her to Boston. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**A Brief History of Male Nudes in America BR 9781**
by Dianne Nelson
1 volume
In the title story, the seventeen-year-old protagonist observes her mother's parade of lovers. As she explains, "There is a way to stare politely. . . . I think it's fair to say I'm an expert with my eyes." Many entries in this recipient of the Flannery O'Connor Award capture fleeting, poignant moments. In "Ground Rules," a man and his son swoop into the ex-wife's yard to kidnap the younger son she took with her. Some strong language. 1993.

**Breath, Eyes, Memory BR 9784**
by Edwidge Danticat
2 volumes
Until age twelve, Sophie is raised by her aunt in Haiti. Her mother then sends for her to come to New York and explains that Sophie is the product of rape. When a grown Sophie is befriended by an older musician, her mother tests her virginity. Sophie rebels by violently deflowering herself, an act that will later cause her to seek sexual phobia therapy. She marries the musician and tries to come to terms with her past as her mother does the same. Some violence. 1994.

**The Trick Is to Keep Breathing BR 9787**
by Janice Galloway
2 volumes
Drama teacher Joy Stone is going through depression. As her mouth (which knows more about her than the rest of her put together) explains to her psychiatrist: her mother died, her live-in lover shook her hand at the funeral, they broke up, her married lover moved in, they went on vacation, and he drowned. Joy's friend tells her just to last until it's better, but Joy's question is, "What will I do while I'm lasting?" Strong language. 1989.

**Waltz in the Shadows BR 9796**
by Catherine Rieger
2 volumes
Vienna, 1888. Emily Hopkins, twenty-two, has come to Vienna at the request of Dr. Franz Joseph Demel to help write a biography of her father that will, she hopes, dispel the lies about him. But when Emily arrives, she doesn't remember Dr. Demel. Mysterious events are occurring in the dark house, which has become a sanitarium, and someone

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**The First Christmas BR 9916**
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## Fiction

**Matilda BR 9591**
by Roald Dahl
1 volume
Matilda is an adorable four-year-old genius totally unappreciated by her crass, dishonest, used-car-salesman father and her blowsy, bingo-playing mother. Neither her parents nor her older brother, Michael, can understand why anyone would rather read a book than watch TV! Matilda's life is made bearable by her chance discovery of the public library and dear Mrs. Phelps, the librarian. For grades 3-6. 1988.

**Onion John BR 9631**
by Joseph Krumgold
2 volumes
Andy Rusch befriends Onion John, the town's old odd-job man who lives near the city dump. Andy's father cannot understand Andy's affection for Onion John, and conflict develops when Mr. Rusch tries to reform Onion John. For grades 5-8 and older readers. Newbery Medal 1959.

**It's Like This, Cat BR 9722**
by Emily Cheney Neville
1 volume
The story of a fourteen-year-old New York boy and his relationships with a stray tomcat, an eccentric old woman, a troubled older boy, his first female friend, and his father. For grades 5-8. Newbery Medal 1963.

**Little Women BR 9758**
by Louisa May Alcott
4 volumes
The author's home life in New England is the basis for this book, which has been popular for more than a century. The tale tells of the four March sisters—quick-tempered Jo, who is restless for freedom; Beth, who loves her home and family; Meg, who longs for pretty clothes; and self-absorbed Amy. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1868.

**Sister of the Bride BR 9777**
by Beverly Cleary
2 volumes
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***Rats on the Range* and Other Stories BR 9791**
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**Peppe the Lamplighter BR 9924**
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1 volume
Peppe, though just a boy, has to go to work to help support his eight sisters. So he takes a job lighting the streetlamps in Little Italy in New York City. Peppe's father is ashamed of Peppe's job until one night when Peppe does not light the lamps and his sister Assunta cannot find her way home. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 1993.

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**Dating: Guidelines from the Bible LLB**
by Scott Kirby
3 volumes
Answers questions asked by young Christians who have little biblical knowledge in the areas of love, sex, and dating. Chapters include discussion questions and scripture references.

**Snowflakes in September: Stories about God's Mysterious Ways LLB**
by Corrie Ten Boom and others
2 volumes
Inspirational short stories of unusual happenings in people's lives. The authors show how they believe God directs their lives, supplies their needs, preserves their lives, and speaks to them.

**This Is the Torah JBI**
by Alfred J. Kolatch
10 volumes
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**Twelve Jewish Steps: A Personal Guide to Turning from Alcoholism and Other Addictions JBI**
by Kerry M. Olitzky and Stuart Copans
2 volumes
Offers a Jewish perspective on the twelve-step recovery program used by Alcoholics Anonymous and others.

**Within the Shadow LLB**
by Shelley Chapin
4 volumes
Shelley Chapin was diagnosed with cancer and given nine months to live. She discusses the handling of grief and suffering and tells how to find meaning in a life of pain.

## Adult Fiction

**The Unorthodox Murder of Rabbi Wahl JBI**
by Joseph Telushkin
4 volumes
When Rabbi Wahl is murdered after her appearance on a radio talk show hosted by Rabbi Winter, Winter develops a talent for detection and for unlocking mysteries of the heart and motives for murder.

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Beginning with the next issue, the braille edition of *Braille Book Review* will no longer contain the *Talking Book Topics* audio discs. A survey of readers taken this fall indicates that a large majority favor this change, which will allow *Braille Book Review* to be mailed earlier in the two-month cycle.

All other parts of the braille edition of *Braille Book Review* will remain the same. The short braille descriptions of recorded books will still be included within *Braille Book Review*, and the braille order forms for recorded books will still be included in the *Braille Book Review* package.

Readers who wish to continue receiving *Talking Book Topics* in recorded format, may ask their cooperating libraries for a subscription to *Talking Book Topics* on disc or cassette.

## Calendars for 1996

Listed below are three organizations that offer free braille calendars. For more sources of braille calendars, contact the NLS Reference Section, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542.

**American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults**
18440 Oxnard Street
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 343-2022
6 x 6½-inch calendar featuring one page

per month and a listing of major holidays. Accepts orders by mail only.

**Braille Institute Press**
c/o Braille Institute of America
741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(213) 663-1111, ext. 430
8¾ x 11-inch calendar. It is provided as an insert in the December issue of the *Braille Mirror* and the holiday issue of *Expectations*. A limited quantity of extras are available and can be ordered by mail or telephone.

**John Milton Society for the Blind**
475 Riverside Drive
Room 455
New York, NY 10115
(212) 870-3336
12½ x 10½-inch calendar featuring a motto on each page. Accepts orders by mail or telephone.

# Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

**Descriptive Video Service (DVS).** Funded in part by the U.S. Department of Education, DVS sells home videos and provides descriptive service on some Public Broadcasting Service programs.

The service inserts narration describing visual elements—actions, costumes, settings—into natural pauses in the movie or TV program. The videos can be played on a regular VHS videocassette recorder and television like any other video. The DVS television programs require that the viewer be within range of a PBS station that carries the DVS and have a stereo TV or a stereo VCR that includes the Second Audio Program feature.

For more information about DVS and for ordering information, call DVS at 800-333-1203 or write to DVS, 125 Western Avenue, Boston, MA 02134. Internet users can contact DVS at DVS @wgbh.org or access their WEB site at http://www.wgbh.org/Pages/DVS/DVS Home.html.

**Products from National Braille Press.** National Braille Press has produced a reference card for the Commo shareware program, a program that allows users to access the Internet, bulletin boards, and other electronic information sources. (Free evaluation copies of Commo are available on many bulletin boards.) The Commo reference card, in braille only, is available for $5 from National Braille Press, 88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115 (617) 266-6160.

*Baker's Easiest-Ever Chocolate Recipes* by Kraft Foods, Inc., is available in one braille volume for $10 from the above address. All of the recipes are prepared using the quick, one-bowl method.

**New Seedlings**. Seedlings Braille Books for Children announces its 1996 catalog, which contains more than 230 low-cost braille books for children ages one to fourteen. Thirty-two new books have

been added this year, including selections from the popular series The Babysitter's Club, The Boxcar Children, and Goosebumps. Seedlings is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing high-quality, low-cost braille books for children. For more information or a catalog, call 800-777-8552 or write to Seedlings, PO Box 2395, Livonia, MI 48151-0395.

# Books for Adults

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

**Note:** For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

## Nonfiction

**Biomarkers: The Ten Keys to Prolonging Vitality BR 9479**
by William Evans and others
3 volumes
A program of activities that includes aerobics, flexibility, and strength-building exercises designed to retard the biological process of aging. The activities alter a person's basal metabolic rate, muscle mass, strength, body fat percentage, aerobic capacity, blood-sugar tolerance, blood pressure, cholesterol/HDL ratio, bone density, and internal regulation of body temperature. 1991.

**The Haldeman Diaries: Inside the Nixon White House BR 9705**
by H.R. Haldeman
8 volumes
The chief of staff for President Nixon kept a personal daily record of the events in which he was involved. The subjects range from the American political structure to domestic policy, bureaucracy, the media, the moon landing, Supreme Court nominations and rejections, the China trip, war and the military, the Pentagon Papers, the Moscow Summit, SALT I, elections, and Watergate. Some strong language. Bestseller 1994.

**Bob Dylan: Behind the Shades; A Biography BR 9734**
by Clinton Heylin
6 volumes
In a biography based largely on interviews, Heylin looks at the singer-songwriter's first fifty years and examines the relationship between Dylan's life and his work. Heylin recounts Dylan's Minnesota childhood as Robert Allen Zimmerman, his New York years writing "protest" songs, his 1966 motorcycle accident, his conversion to Christianity, and his use of changing musical styles. 1991.

**E.M. Forster: A Biography BR 9741**
by Nicola Beauman
5 volumes
A literary biography examining the relationship between Forster's life and his novels, several of which have been made into movies. Beauman describes how Morgan Forster lived quietly for most of his life with his Edwardian mother, although the friends and foreign travel that he enjoyed influenced his writing during this period. In addition to connecting Forster's life with his fiction, Beauman notes the books that influenced the author. 1993.

**Crossing the Threshold of Hope BR 9751**
by Pope John Paul II
2 volumes
To commemorate fifteen years of his papacy, Pope John Paul II responds to a journalist's questions on religious matters. The queries concern the mystery of prayer, the existence of God, the presence of evil in the world, and

why God tolerates suffering. Other topics include the papacy, salvation, eternal life, other branches of Christianity, non-Christian religions, decisions by the Vatican Council, human rights, and hope. Bestseller 1994.

**The Splendid Table: Recipes from Emilia-Romagna, the Heartland of Northern Italian Food BR 9753**

by Lynne Rossetto Kasper
6 volumes
After discussing the only part of Italy allowed by law to produce Parmesan cheese, noted cooking teacher Kasper provides regional recipes, beginning with the antipasto course and ending with desserts, and offers menus (complete with wines). The few ingredient substitutions she has made are explained and a detailed guide to buying, storing, and using the suggested ingredients is included. 1992.

**EcoLinking: Everyone's Guide to Online Environmental Information BR 9754**

by Don Rittner
3 volumes
"EcoLinking" is Rittner's term for using computers to share ideas and research on environmental issues. Anyone interested in this multifaceted topic and with access to a personal computer, modem, telephone line, and communications software can use this information. Rittner describes how to get online for global networks, electronic bulletin boards, commercial online services, and library databases. 1992.

**Healing Words: The Power of Prayer and the Practice of Medicine BR 9761**

by Larry Dossey
3 volumes
A physician describes his search for scientific proof of the healing effects of prayer. Citing the results of numerous case studies and experiments, the author discusses why he believes prayer enhances good medicine and speculates on the possibility of adverse side effects. Bestseller 1993.

**Robert's Rules of Order: The Modern Edition BR 9774**

by Henry M. Robert
and Darwin Patnode
1 volume
Originally published in 1876, this is "a simplified, updated version of the classic manual of parliamentary procedure." This edition is designed to teach how to run a typical organizational meeting in an orderly fashion. Such a meeting might include conducting an election of officers, presenting a treasurer's report, amending bylaws, making a motion, and handling disciplinary procedures. 1989.

**Crazy All the Time: Life, Lessons, and Insanity on the Psych Ward of Bellevue Hospital BR 9775**

by Frederick L. Covan and
Carol Kahn
3 volumes
As chief psychologist at Bellevue Hospital, Dr. Covan spends many hours guiding staff and interns. To Covan, the continuum of human behavior at Bellevue is a microcosm of New York City. Cases include a woman who, because she feels so close to him, imagines her doctor impregnated her and a woman who thinks she is from another planet. Strong language. 1994.

**Christ Stopped at Eboli: The Story of a Year BR 9779**
by Carlo Levi
2 volumes
Dr. Levi, a physician, painter, and writer, is taken political prisoner by fascists and exiled in the remote southern Italian village of Gagliano. Life for the peasants there is very primitive, but while the compassionate doctor treats them for malaria, he is amazed at how they retain their faith and hope. He writes as an observant and deeply caring diagnostician about their grim existence and their human values. 1947.

**The Contrary Farmer BR 9788**
by Gene Logsdon
3 volumes
Writer and part-time farmer Logsdon describes the contrary cottage (small acreage) farmer. "A farmer with deep ecological sensitivity is to the plow jockey . . . what a French chef is to . . . hamburger handlers." Contrary farmers use technological cleverness and handiness to reduce manual labor by skill instead of expensive machines. They have a "love of home," subscribe to pastoral economics, and learn to let nature do work for them. 1993.

**When I Say No, I Feel Guilty: How to Cope—Using the Skills of Systematic Assertive Therapy BR 9792**
by Manuel J. Smith
3 volumes
Opposed to manipulating others by interfering with their decision-making process, therapist Smith describes how to be assertive without taking away the dignity and self-respect of others. Included are a "bill of assertive rights," descriptions of seven systematic assertive skills, and numerous dialogs illustrating how to use these techniques and encourage them in others. 1975.

**The Cats of Thistle Hill: A Mostly Peaceable Kingdom BR 9808**
by Roger A. Caras
2 volumes
Believing that part of owning land is sustaining life, Caras, head of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and author of many books on animals, keeps thirty or so pets on his Maryland "farm." His first rule for peace is to spay and neuter. A steer, a llama, a horse, a donkey, and a few dogs are outnumbered by the cats whose experiences shape this description of life on Thistle Hill farm. 1994.

**Albatross: The True Story of a Woman's Survival at Sea BR 9810**
by Deborah Scaling Kiley and Meg Noonan
2 volumes
At twenty-four, Deborah signs on to the crew of a private yacht. She immediately has misgivings due to the personalities and work habits of the others. As they sail to Florida, a storm and a series of mishaps sink the boat, leaving the five-person crew fighting hypothermia in a small dinghy. Sharks, blood poisoning, and the effects of salt water reduce the crew to two. Strong language. 1994.

**Smart Exercise: Burning Fat, Getting Fit BR 9829**
by Covert Bailey
2 volumes
PBS fitness star believes "exercise . . . can cure almost everything." Bailey explains the difference in the body's procedures for utilizing sugars and burning fat, and he recommends aerobic exercise. He claims any activity that lasts at least twelve minutes, causes deep

breathing but not breathlessness, and uses the muscles in the thighs and buttocks falls in this category. Bestseller 1994.

# Fiction

**In Troubled Waters BR 9720**
by Beverly Coyle
3 volumes
Ninety-one-year-old Tom Glover now shares his family home with his daughter Lois and her husband, Paul, who has Alzheimer's disease. Sitting on his front porch, Tom can keep an eye on Paul and watch the group of rambunctious boys that fish at the edge of his land. Ted, the one black boy, reminds Tom of Lucky, a long-ago friend. When Tom hires Ted to take Paul fishing, the resulting community furor recalls Lucky's years-ago tragedy. Some strong language. 1993.

**A Question of Guilt BR 9721**
by Frances Fyfield
2 volumes
The latest object of widowed, unloved Eileen Cartwright's adoration is her married solicitor. When she convinces financially desperate part-time P.I. Stanislaus Jaskowski to kill the solicitor's wife, Jaskowski is quickly caught and tells all. As prosecutor Helen West and Detective Geoffrey Bailey build their case against her, Cartwright calmly concocts a plan of revenge against her new opponents. Strong language and violence. 1988.

**The Prospector BR 9724**
by J.M.G. Le Clézio
3 volumes
In 1892 Alexis and his sister Laure are enjoying an idyllic childhood in the wild Boucan valley on the island of Mauritius. Their father has great plans, including building a power plant, but none comes to fruition. Eventually, economics drives the family from the valley, but Alexis is not happy in civilization. Years later, after his father's death, Alexis returns to the wild to search for gold and paradise. Some descriptions of sex. 1985.

**Guest of a Sinner BR 9725**
by James Wilcox
3 volumes
Fortyish pianist Eric Thorsen's life is disrupted by the elderly woman and her odoriferous twenty-odd cats in the apartment beneath his in New York. While trying to bring action against her, Eric seeks refuge in his older sister's basement apartment but is annoyed by the appearance of his pushy father. To escape, Eric agrees to house-sit the apartment of adoring Wanda Skopinski. What follows is a series of humorous mix-ups. Strong language. 1993.

**Sacred Ground BR 9726**
by Mercedes Lackey
3 volumes
Jennifer Talldeer, also known as Kestrel-Hunts-Alone, is an Osage shaman-in-training as well as a private investigator in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is looking into an accident at a construction site on which an Indian burial ground has been discovered. As she begins her probe, Jennifer suspects a conspiracy. She also questions why her grandfather has not made her a full shaman. Some strong language and some violence. 1994.

**Bridie and Finn BR 9727**
by Harry Cauley
3 volumes
In the 1940s, when Finn is in the fourth grade, Bridie moves into the house across the street and immediately proclaims herself to be his best friend. She is a loud, opinionated girl with self-chopped hair who lives with her hard-drinking father, Laurie. After Laurie dies and Finn's family dwindles, Bridie moves in with Finn and his father. The two friends remain inseparable until Bridie's confession shatters Finn's dreams. Strong language. 1994.

**The Fellowship of the Ring: Being the First Part of The Lord of the Rings BR 9745**
by J.R.R. Tolkien
5 volumes
In this first volume of The Lord of the Rings, Frodo, a home-loving hobbit, inherits the magic ring that his Uncle Bilbo brought back from his adventures in *The Hobbit*. To protect the ring from the powers of darkness, Frodo must make a long, dangerous journey. 1954.

**The Two Towers: Being the Second Part of The Lord of the Rings BR 9747**
by J.R.R. Tolkien
4 volumes
In this second volume of The Lord of the Rings, the now-separated companions of the Ring meet Saruman the wizard, cross the Dead Marshes, and prepare for the Great War in which the power of the Ring will be undone. Sequel to *The Fellowship of the Ring (BR 9745)*. 1954.

**Pacific Destiny: The Holts; An American Dynasty, Volume 8 BR 9770**
by Dana Fuller Ross
3 volumes
In 1898 the Holts are affected by the battle over Cuba's freedom from Spain. Tim Holt leaves his new bride to report the action for his San Francisco newspaper, and Henry Blake escapes the anger of wife Cindy by going undercover for the army in Manila. Meanwhile, Frank Blake, last heard from in *Yukon Justice (BR 9323)*, considers giving up his adventurous lifestyle. Strong language and some violence. 1994.

**Halfway to Paradise BR 9772**
by Emily Bradshaw
3 volumes
Royalist Matthew Hawkins, earl of Chester, is stripped of his title and thrown in prison for treason. Puritan widow Jane Alexander learns Hawkins's servants are trying to find a home for his young son Gideon. Against Hawkins's strong objections, the childless woman takes Gideon in. But Hawkins escapes, becomes a successful underworld thief, and plots to retrieve his son and leave England. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

**Break the Heart of Me BR 9776**
by Elizabeth Dewberry Vaughn
2 volumes
As twenty-three-year-old Sylvia Mullins is being seduced by a country-music singer, her troubled childhood comes to mind. Her fatally injured teenaged mother is kept alive until Sylvia is born. Raised by her grandparents, Sylvia blocks out Paw Paw's molestation. When Memaw dies, Sylvia's "uncle" admits he is her father. After a disastrous

high school crush, Sylvia marries older, overweight Buddy. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**The House of Thunder BR 9778**
by Dean R. Koontz
3 volumes
When Susan Thorton, thirty-two, awakes in a hospital room, she has no recollection of why she is there. At first all she remembers is her name and age. Then slowly her memory returns and she dreams she is lying in a pool of blood in the House of Thunder. Violence. Bestseller 1982.

**Decorations in a Ruined Cemetery BR 9780**
by John Gregory Brown
2 volumes
When Dr. Thomas Eagan leaves his second wife, Catherine, he mirrors his mother's leave-taking years before. But, unlike his mother, Thomas takes his children with him. His daughter Meredith slowly learns the reasons behind both desertions through letters from Catherine and encounters with Murphy Warrington, the black man who assisted Thomas's late father in his cemetery statue business. 1994.

**The Legacy BR 9782**
by Linda Lael Miller
3 volumes
Jacy Tiernan returns to South Australia when her father, Jake, has a heart attack. Ian Yarbro is not happy to see her: ten years ago Jacy broke Ian's heart by fleeing to America when his ex-lover announced she was pregnant by him. Now Jake wants Jacy and Ian to marry and take over his land. But their lust for each other may not be enough to sustain a marriage. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. Bestseller 1994.

**Nobody's Fool BR 9783**
by Richard Russo
6 volumes
Don Sullivan, known in North Bath, New York, as Sully, is about the unluckiest man in this unlucky town. At sixty, he is divorced, able to do only piecemeal work because of an injury, and living in a flat owned by his former eighth-grade teacher, Miss Beryl. The day before Thanksgiving 1980, Sully is offered a job by his old construction boss. It just might be the chance to regain his son's respect. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

**Strike Zone BR 9789**
by Jim Bouton and Eliot Asinof
3 volumes
The last game of the season as seen from the perspectives of two competing characters. Sam Ward, a thirty-two-year-old rookie, gets a chance to pitch for the Chicago Cubs in a crucial game against the Phillies, but he isn't getting the signals he needs to prove himself. And sixty-year-old veteran umpire Ernie Kolacka makes the calls under considerable pressure to throw his last game. Strong language. 1994.

**The Sixteen Pleasures BR 9793**
by Robert Hellenga
3 volumes
When Florence is flooded in 1966, twenty-nine-year-old American book conservator Margot Harrington offers her services to the country where she spent two years of her youth. She is helping restore a convent's collection when a nun discovers an ancient book of erotic drawings and sonnets. While attempting to sell the book to profit the

convent, Margot, inspired by the book, begins an affair with an older married man. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Temptation's Trail BR 9794**
by Dana Ransom
3 volumes
Seventeen-year-old Amanda Duncan has come to Texas to find her brother, a courier who disappeared with some jewels. A wealthy orphan, Amanda is able to hire the tracker she has read about in dime westerns: Harmon Bass. But Bass is not what she expected. He is small and wiry, one-quarter Apache, and obsessed with a nightmare from his past. And Amanda falls in love with him. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Redline the Stars BR 9795**
by Andre Norton and P.M. Griffin
2 volumes
Captain Jellico and the crew of the *Solar Queen* are concerned about finding a buyer for part of their fleet—the *Space Wrack*. They can't keep using it for mail runs. A new temporary crew member trades passage to Canuche of Halio for her brother's purchase of the *Space Wrack*. But what was to be a simple trip soon turns dangerous. Some strong language. 1993.

**Criminal Conversation BR 9797**
by Evan Hunter
3 volumes
New York District Attorney Michael Welles learns that young playboy Andrew Faviola is acting head of the Mafia operation run by his imprisoned father, Anthony Faviola. Planning to take him down, Welles orders heavy surveillance of the younger Faviola. What Welles doesn't realize is that his wife is having an affair with the mafioso, who has hidden his true identity from her. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**The Secret Adversary BR 9798**
by Agatha Christie
2 volumes
A pack of shocking love letters, a set of scandalous memoirs, and the bloody corpse of a famous man turn Chimneys, a secluded estate where politicians carry on affairs of state and otherwise, into a place of murder and menace. A nation's fate hangs on a beautiful woman's guilt or innocence. 1922.

**Consider This Home BR 9801**
by Greg Bills
3 volumes
Kath Miller is living in Las Vegas with her ten-year-old son, Daron, when her father summons her back to Sterling, Utah, because Kath's mother has left him. In Sterling, Kath must also deal with her estranged husband, Merrill, and his obsession with Mormonism. And Daron gets a chance to meet Tom, his father, who admitted his homosexuality only after Kath became pregnant with Daron. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Tarnished Hearts BR 9803**
by Raine Cantrell
1 volume
Trevor Shelby's youthful dream of being a doctor was literally beaten out of him by his father. Then he was sent to boarding school. But war is now imminent in the South, and Trevor, twenty-six, has been called home to Georgia. He is back only a few days when he meets Leah Reese, the daughter of his friend's overseer. But their desire for each other is forbidden by their class

differences. Violence, descriptions of sex, and some strong language. 1994.

**The Forty Fathom Bank: Novella**
**BR 9832**
by Les Galloway
1 volume
The narrator recalls the year 1940 in San Francisco when, worried about how he would support his family, he settled on a get-rich-quick scheme involving shark fishing. He bought an old boat and hired an experienced fisherman. But life at sea proved difficult, especially when the narrator was called upon to cope with rough waters, a silent partner, a dead engine, and—most dangerous—an overactive imagination. Some strong language. 1984.

**The Call of the Wild BR 9833**
by Jack London
1 volume
Buck, a St. Bernard, is stolen and trained to be a sled dog in the Alaska gold fields. Abused by both men and dogs, Buck learns to fight ruthlessly until he finds in John Thornton a master he loves and respects. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1903.

# Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

## Nonfiction

**A Book of Your Own: Keeping a Diary or Journal BR 9709**
by Carla Stevens
1 volume
Discusses diaries and journals and the value of keeping a diary or journal of your own. Includes examples of entries from well-known diarists such as Anne Frank and Theodore Roosevelt, as well as from less famous young people. For grades 5-8. 1993.

**The Complete *Just So Stories* BR 9830**
by Rudyard Kipling
1 volume
Kipling began writing his *Just So Stories* as bedtime stories for his children. They began appearing in magazines in 1897, and in 1902 the twelve standard tales were collected and published in book form. This volume includes two additional stories, "The Tabu Tale" and "Ham and the Porcupine," the very last story that Kipling wrote. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1993.

**Up, Up, and Away: A Book about Adverbs BR 9928**
by Ruth Heller
1 volume
Introduction to the wonderful words that answer "where?" "when?" "how?" "how often?" and sometimes even "why?" Adverbs can also be useful when we need help with comparisons or descriptions. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 1991.

**By the Dawn's Early Light: The Story of the Star-Spangled Banner BR 9930**
by Steven Kroll
1 volume
The War of 1812 had been raging for two years when in August 1814 the

British burned Washington and returned to their ships. They also made Dr. William Beanes prisoner aboard one of the ships. A friend, Francis Scott Key, went to seek Beanes's release and observed the attack on Fort McHenry in Baltimore. He wrote the poem that became America's national anthem. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 3-6. 1994.

**Brother Eagle, Sister Sky: A Message from Chief Seattle BR 10000**
1 volume
"The earth does not belong to us. We belong to the earth." More than a hundred years ago Chief Seattle, a leader of the Northwest Nations, delivered a powerful and passionate speech at a treaty signing with the United States government. He beseeched the new Americans to love and respect the land as the Native Americans had, and warned of the consequences of abuse. PRINT/BRAILLE. Bestseller 1991.

# Fiction

**Sounder BR 9764**
by William H. Armstrong
1 volume
The mother and son of a black sharecropper family in the South struggle for survival when the sheriff arrests the father for stealing and shoots their devoted coon dog. For grades 5-8. Newbery Medal 1969.

**Jafta and the Wedding BR 9828**
by Hugh Lewin
1 volume
Jafta lives in South Africa, and his sister is getting married! Jafta joyously describes the festivities that begin on Monday and end on Sunday when Nomsa and her new husband, Dan, walk into the village square. For preschool-grade 2. 1981.

**George the Drummer Boy BR 9831**
by Nathaniel Benchley
1 volume
George, a drummer boy with the king's army, is stationed in Boston in the British colony of Massachusetts in 1775. Swept away on a secret mission, George witnesses the events in Lexington and Concord that helped to ignite the American Revolution. For grades 2-4. 1977.

**The Up and Down Spring BR 9874**
by Johanna Hurwitz
1 volume
Bolivia Raab, soon to be eleven, invites her two best friends from New Jersey, Rory Dunn and Derek Curry, to spend spring break with her in upstate New York. Rory tries to hide his dread of flying when Bolivia's uncle, Harold, invites them for a spin in his small plane. For grades 3-6. 1993.

**Thunderhoof BR 9922**
by Syd Hoff
1 volume
The story of how Thunderhoof, the last great horse to run wild out west, lets himself be tamed. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2 to share with older readers. 1971.

**Does God Know How to Tie Shoes? BR 9925**
by Nancy White Carlstrom
1 volume
Little Katrina's questions about God—"Does God ever have to clean up His room?" "Does God go to sleep?" "Where in the world is God now?"—are answered by her parents with responses based on the Psalms. PRINT/

BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2.
1993.

**Time Train BR 9927**
by Paul Fleischman
1 volume
During spring break, Miss Pym's class plans to take a trip to the Dinosaur National Monument in Utah. But the ticket man at the train station tells them to take the Rocky Mountain Unlimited train. The class travels back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the earth.
PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3.
1991.

**The Sweetest Fig BR 9929**
by Chris Van Allsburg
1 volume
Monsieur Bibot is a fussy, miserly dentist who treats his dog, Marcel, cruelly. When he is given two figs as payment for a tooth extraction, Bibot is angry and does not believe the old woman's tale that the figs will make his dreams come true. After carelessly eating the first, he finds her words are true and controls his dreams as he prepares to eat the second. But Marcel upsets his plans in the worst possible way.
PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 3-6.
1993.

# Handcopied Braille–Other Agencies

The following books have been hand transcribed for the library indicated with each entry and are available from that library for circulation throughout the country. Please write or call directly to the library indicated.

**LLB**
Lutheran Library for the Blind
1133 South Kirkwood Road
St. Louis, MO 63122
314-965-9000, 800-433-3954

## Adult Nonfiction

**Fit to Be Tied LLB**
by Bill and Lynne Hybels
5 volumes
How Christians live their faith in marriage and relationships. Offers Biblical advice for everyday problems. For couples who want to make their marriage better or who need to rebuild a struggling relationship.

## Adult Fiction

**The Illuminati LLB**
by Larry Burkett
9 volumes
In the year 2001, the Illuminati, a deadly secret organization places one of its members in the office of the presidency of the United States. The organization plans to control the world's finances.

## Children's Fiction

**Angels on Holiday: A Katie Hooper Book LLB**
by Jane Sorenson
2 volumes
The weeks leading up to Christmas are

filled with bustling holiday activities for Katie and her family. They plan to spend the special day with friends who are without family of their own.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

**Asimov's Science Fiction** (monthly plus mid-December)
**Better Homes and Gardens** (monthly)
**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Journal of Physiotherapy** (British monthly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Braille Variety News** (monthly)
**Children's Digest** (for children, 8 issues)
**Consumers' Research** (monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly plus Christmas)
**Fortune** (biweekly plus specials)
**Inside Sports** (monthly)
**Jack and Jill** (for children, 8 issues)
**Journal of Rehabilitation** (quarterly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Madam** (British monthly)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**New Beacon** (British monthly)
**The *New York Times* Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
**PC/Computing** (monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
**Progress** (British monthly)
**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)
**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

The following sports schedules are also available:
**American Baseball League Schedule**
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# In Brief

## Changes in *Braille Book Review*

In response to requests and suggestions from patrons, three changes are introduced to *Braille Book Review* beginning with this issue.

1. As explained in previous issues, the braille edition no longer contains the recorded discs with the complete text of *Talking Book Topics*. The short descriptions of recorded books and the order forms for recorded books are still included. If you would like to receive as a separate subscription the complete *Talking Book Topics* on disc or cassette, please contact your local cooperating library.

2. As a pilot project, a computer diskette with both *Braille Book Review* and *Talking Book Topics* on it is now available to NLS patrons. The diskette contains *Braille Book Review* and *Talking Book Topics* as two separate ASCII text files on one 3½-inch IBM-compatible diskette. The data is readable by nearly all editing or file-reading software. Each file consists of the "In Brief" section, the book listings complete with annotation, and a magazines listing. Indexes and order forms are not included. This format is already available through the Internet by accessing LC MARVEL.

Each diskette is packaged in a standard diskette mailer and sent directly to patrons who subscribe. You will receive the diskette around the same time as you receive other formats of *Braille Book Review* and *Talking Book Topics* to which you currently subscribe. You will continue to receive these formats also during this pilot project, unless you request a change. The diskette is to be

kept, not returned to the producer or your library. If you would like a subscription to this diskette, please contact your local cooperating library.

3. Beginning with this issue, the "In Brief" section of *Braille Book Review* also includes information from the "In Brief" section of the current issue of *Talking Book Topics*.

## *Braille Books 1993–1994* Produced in Braille

*Braille Books 1993–1994*, a catalog listing braille books produced by NLS during 1993 and 1994, has recently been issued in braille. Books in this catalog are listed by subject category, and there are sections for bestsellers, young adult books, and foreign language books.

Readers who ordered *Braille Books 1993–1994* on their annual order forms should automatically receive their copies in the mail. Others may request this catalog from their local cooperating libraries.

## NLS Publishes Bibliographies

NLS has recently published two new bibliographies listing books available in recorded and braille formats. *Romances and Love Stories* features selected novels taking place in various time periods and settings. The bibliography lists gothic romances, Harlequin novels, and Regency stories by many authors, including Janet Dailey, Janette Oke, Danielle Steel, and Phyllis A. Whitney.

*Pioneer and Frontier Stories* lists selected books dealing with the lives of the people who blazed trails westward and settled the land. The bibliography includes descriptions of autobiographies of Buffalo Bill and General Custer and also of cowpunchers, cooks, and gold miners. Authors as diverse as James Fenimore Cooper, Willa Cather, Larry McMurtry, and Edna Ferber have all set novels on the frontier.

Both publications are available in large print, and *Romances and Love Stories* is available in audio cassette format and in braille. *Pioneer and Frontier Stories* will be produced early this spring on audio cassette and in braille. The large-print editions contain titles available on cassette and in braille. The recorded editions list only cassettes and the braille editions list only braille. Patrons who requested the publications on their annual order form will receive them automatically. If you did not order but would like a copy, contact your cooperating library.

## Unrequired Reading

To restore reading for fun as a part of campus life, colleges have begun offering students lists of important, enjoyable books as "unrequired reading." One such list—from Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island—contains the following books in the NLS braille collection.

**Animal Dreams BR 8406**
by Barbara Kingsolver
3 volumes
Codi returns to Arizona to teach high school and care for her aging father. Her life is complicated by efforts to save the town from environmental catastrophe and by the renewal of an old

love affair with a Native American man. Meanwhile, her sister Hallie, in Nicaragua helping peasant farmers in their fight for social justice, is captured by the Contras. Their story is one of commitment and suspense.

**Beloved BR 7074**
by Toni Morrison
3 volumes
Related in kaleidoscopic fashion and set in rural Ohio during the period immediately following the Civil War, this chronicle of slavery and its aftermath traces the life of Sethe, a former slave. Sethe has a secret in her past so horrific that it has alienated the community, driven off her two sons, isolated her surviving daughter, and threatened her new, loving relationship with Paul D., also a former slave. Bestseller.

**The Brothers Karamazov BR 6803**
by Fyodor Dostoyevsky; translated by Constance Garnett
8 volumes
Complex psychological novel by the nineteenth-century Russian master of realism. The main plot involves a depraved father and his four sons, one of them a bastard. Through the murder of the father and the false conviction of one of the sons, the novel explores at length the dual nature of man.

**Like Water for Chocolate BR 9187**
by Laura Esquivel; translated by Carol and Thomas Christensen
2 volumes
When Pedro asks Mama Elena for the hand of her youngest daughter, Tita, he is offered her sister instead. By family tradition, Tita is to remain unmarried to care for her mother. Tita, a magical cook, shares recipes that, seasoned by her emotions, have an extraordinary impact on the events that follow her mother's decision. Descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

**The Little Prince BR 1431**
by Antoine de Saint-Exupery; translated by Katherine Woods
1 volume
The narrator's plane was forced down in the African desert where he met the little prince from Asteroid B-612 who freely shares his experiences with the fascinated pilot. For children and adults.

**The Magic Mountain BR 6190**
by Thomas Mann; translated by H.T. Lowe-Porter
8 volumes
A young German engineer visiting his cousin in a Swiss tuberculosis sanatorium ends up remaining for seven years, caught up in the "magic" of life on the mountain. A symbolic and philosophical treatment of such concepts as relativity, dogmatism, and liberalism.

**The Stranger BR 1185**
by Albert Camus; translated by Stuart Gilbert
1 volume
An existential novel, set in Algiers, about a man who resists any commitment, rendering his own life meaningless. He does not react to his mother's death, nor to a killing he commits, and becomes a placid prisoner, convicted of murder. His own impending death, however, leads him to some realizations.

**To Kill a Mockingbird BR 9237**
by Harper Lee
3 volumes
Scout Finch is an outspoken and literate six-year-old tomboy when she begins her tale of growing up in a small Ala-

bama town with her brother Jem and her attorney father Atticus. The children's intense curiosity about a reclusive neighbor is eclipsed by Atticus's attempt to defend a black man against charges of raping a white woman. For senior high and older readers. Pulitzer Prize winner.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

To order books, fill out the enclosed braille order form and send it to your cooperating library.

**Note:** For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

## Nonfiction

**West of the Thirties: Discoveries among the Navajo and Hopi BR 9606**
by Edward T. Hall
2 volumes
In 1933 anthropology student Hall was asked to be a camp manager for the Indian equivalent of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Although the rest of the West was "thoroughly settled," time seemed to have stood still on the Hopi and Navajo reservations. For four years Hall learned of the area cultures from the Native Americans who shared their oral history and from the trader who took him under his wing. 1994.

**The Basic Writings of Bertrand Russell, 1903–1959 BR 9657**
by Bertrand Russell
8 volumes
Selections from Russell's publications in philosophy, psychology, history, mathematics, and analyses of international affairs, and miscellaneous works such as essays, short stories, and autobiographical asides. 1961.

**Unbearable Weight: Feminism, Western Culture, and the Body BR 9718**
by Susan Bordo
4 volumes
Collection of essays examining eating disorders and body image in terms of contemporary culture, consumerism, and women's experiences in other areas. Bordo, a philosophy professor, backs up her analysis with the history of society's attitudes toward women's bodies, from ancient Greece through the Victorian age. 1993.

**How to Keep Your Savings Safe: Protecting the Money You Can't Afford to Lose BR 9723**
by Walter L. Updegrave
3 volumes
Editor of *Money* magazine and specialist in personal finances warns about risks of investing in once rock-solid financial institutions. Updegrave discusses how to evaluate the safety of money that one cannot afford to lose, suggests when to use a commercial rating service, and lists what he considers the safest institutions, such as savings banks and insurance companies. 1992.

**Working Women Don't Have Wives: Professional Success in the 1990s**
**BR 9785**
by Terri Apter
3 volumes
Apter contends that women in the world of work are at an unfair disadvantage because, as a general rule, they don't have what their male counterparts do: "a partner who looks after their domestic needs, cares for their children, accommodates their changing occupational needs, and puts family responsibilities first and foremost." She discusses how to counter this lack by combining changes at home and in the workplace. 1993.

**Mother Father Deaf: Living between Sound and Silence BR 9805**
by Paul Preston
3 volumes
The son of deaf parents, Preston uses the stories of others like him to describe how exposure to the "deaf culture" within the "hearing culture" shapes lives. He has written this book "as much as possible in the Deaf way," interweaving fragments of his informants' stories and using repetition for emphasis, because "Deaf storytelling does not boil down to a punch line. It is in the telling." Some strong language. 1994.

**Shakespeare BR 9821**
by Germaine Greer
2 volumes
The author contends that Shakespeare did much to shape the values we consider to be typically English. Greer argues that the basis for understanding the Bard's art and thought is to be found in the interaction between the text of his plays and the reaction of the audience. She touches on aspects of the playwright's life, philosophy, and politics and offers an essay on his social values, especially his belief in the importance of marriage. 1986.

**Successful Job Search Strategies for the Disabled: Understanding the ADA**
**BR 9834**
by Jeffrey G. Allen
3 volumes
Allen addresses the more than forty million Americans who are disabled, sixty percent of whom are unemployed. He offers advice on finding a job, gives an overview of the ADA, and discusses topics such as where jobs are, self-assessment for a job, what to disclose regarding a disability, interview guidelines, accommodations, and enforcement of the ADA guidelines. 1994.

**The Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. Cookbook**
**BR 9835**
1 volume
More than seventy-five shrimp recipes from *Southern Living* and reflections ("Bubba was my best good friend, and even I know that's something you can't just find around the corner") from a Winston Groom novel that became a popular movie about a very simple, very likable person—Forrest Gump, who started the Bubba Gump Shrimp Company. Includes shrimp dishes to bake, barbecue, boil, fry, saute, and combine with sauce or slaw. 1994.

**The Family Heart: A Memoir of When Our Son Came Out BR 9844**
by Robb Forman Dew
2 volumes
Novelist Dew describes the stages she and her family went through after learning her oldest son, Steve, was gay. Although both parents immediately proclaimed acceptance of Steve's sexual

orientation, they unintentionally hurt him with some of their actions and statements. Not wanting to burden Steve with the responsibility for her happiness, Dew soon shed her self-pity. Some strong language. 1994.

**Moosewood Restaurant Cooks at Home: Fast and Easy Recipes for Any Day BR 9845**

by The Moosewood Collective
4 volumes
The eighteen members of the Collective have created a combination of tested recipes using minimal equipment; fresh, tasty ingredients; time-saving tips; and planning ideas to make cooking fast and easy. These meatless dishes include soups, dips, quick breads, sauces, main-dish salads, grains, pasta, stir-fries, pizzas, and desserts. 1994.

**When Women Played Hardball BR 9846**

by Susan E. Johnson
3 volumes
Author Johnson was a fourteen-year-old fan when the All-American Girls Baseball League died in 1954 after a twelve-year span. To recreate the spirit of the league that fascinated her, Johnson interviews twenty-six of the women who played for the 1950 Rockford Peaches and Fort Wayne Daisies. Their recollections of the 1950 series are supplemented by newspaper accounts of each of the seven games. 1994.

**The Frontiers of Meaning: Three Informal Lectures on Music BR 9848**

by Charles Rosen
1 volume
Three lectures by the National Book Award-winning author of *The Classical Style (BRA 16615)*. In "The Frontiers of Nonsense," Rosen claims that understanding music is a matter of feeling comfortable with it. In "How to Become Immortal," the author suggests that Beethoven's international fame was already in place during his lifetime. And in "Explaining the Obvious," Rosen discusses why he writes about music. 1994.

**Marx BR 9854**

by Peter Singer
1 volume
Introductory biography of the nineteenth-century philosopher. In an effort to explain the central vision of Marx's thought, Singer discusses Marx's early writings and his materialist concept of history and economic theory of capital. He also assesses Marx's relevance in the late twentieth century. 1980.

**A Family Place: A Man Returns to the Center of His Life BR 9858**

by Charles Gaines
2 volumes
Writer Charles Gaines and his wife Patricia had once before healed their marriage by traveling to Nova Scotia and temporarily escaping their fast-paced lives. When the relationship again hits troubled times, Charles and Patricia purchase a remote parcel of Nova Scotia land and call upon their now-grown children to help them build a cabin and rebuild the family in this "last best place." Some strong language. 1994.

**84, Charing Cross Road BR 9859**

by Helene Hanff
1 volume
Hanff tells how her love of old books sparked a twenty-year transatlantic correspondence between herself and Frank Doel of Marks and Company, Booksellers, London, England. Their correspondence began in 1949 when Hanff read an ad indicating that Marks and

Company specialized in out-of-print books. The friendship lasted twenty years even though Hanff and Doel never met in person. 1970.

**Cities of Gold: A Journey across the American Southwest in Pursuit of Coronado BR 9871**

by Douglas Preston
5 volumes
The author chronicles his journey on horseback retracing the path of sixteenth-century Spanish explorer Francisco Vásquez de Coronado across the American Southwest in search of the seven cities of gold. Woven into the narrative are natural history; stories heard from cowboys, Native Americans, and ranchers; and an account of the original expedition. Strong language. 1992.

**Braille Books 1993–1994 BR 9873**

by National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
2 volumes
A catalog of braille books produced during 1993 and 1994 by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Separate sections list fiction and nonfiction subject categories. Young adult books are also included. 1994.

**Answering the Call: Telephone Pioneer Talking-Book Machine-Repair Program 1960–1993 BR 9882**

by Ruth Nieland and George Thuronyi
1 volume
The Telephone Pioneers of America is an association of telephone workers and retirees organized in chapters, councils, and clubs throughout the United States and Canada. Long involved in community service projects, the Pioneers began repairing talking-book machines for the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in 1960. 1994.

***Always a Reckoning* and Other Poems BR 9887**

by Jimmy Carter
1 volume
Poems about people, places, politics, and private lives by the thirty-ninth president of the United States. In "Rachel," Carter reflects on his tender feelings toward a neighbor when he was a child. In "My First Try for Votes," a constituent humbles and amuses the candidate in one bold stroke. And in the title poem, an autobiographical narrative, he speaks of learning the need in "all things . . . to balance out." 1995.

**Flat Rock Journal: A Day in the Ozark Mountains BR 9991**

by Ken Carey
2 volumes
Since buying his piece of Ozark wilderness twenty years ago, writer and environmentalist Carey has learned to open his mind and heart to the renewing energies of spring. He describes the annual day-long trek he takes through the land. Interspersed are recollections of the almost magical happenings that led him and his family to this place and the difficult but rewarding life they have lived since. 1994.

**Lincoln: In His Own Words BR 9994**

edited by Milton Meltzer
2 volumes
Quotes from letters, speeches, court papers, and articles create this portrait of Lincoln. Meltzer traces the life of the sixteenth president, from his childhood to his career as a lawyer and his role as commander in chief of the armed forces during the Civil War. The author sets the stage by commenting on the politi-

cal forces at the time and by introducing contemporary figures. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1993.

**Before You Hire a Contractor: A Construction Guidebook for Consumers BR 9996**

by Steve Gonzalez
1 volume
A registered contractor uses his twenty years of experience to guide consumers through hiring someone for a home constuction project. He discusses how to research, write specifications, avoid scams and problems, choose a contractor and negotiate contracts, and become familiar with consumer rights and laws regulating construction. 1994.

**Autobiography of a Face BR 10051**

by Lucy Grealy
2 volumes
In fourth grade, the author had a toothache that turned out to be cancer. A portion of her jaw was eventually removed, leaving her face misshapened. Grealy describes her growing awareness that she was now odd-looking and her attempts to come to terms with people's reactions. After a series of failed surgeries, she had her jaw reconstructed as an adult, but she learned her belief that "when my face gets fixed, then I'll start living," was too simplistic. 1994.

**Toothpaste and Railroad Tracks BR 10131**

by Kenneth Jernigan
1 volume
"Details of everyday life as blind persons live it." Members of the National Federation of the Blind, including Kenneth Jernigan and Mark Maurer, contribute essays. Jernigan explains his methods of shaving and brushing his teeth. Barbara Walker discusses her daughter's attitude about her mother's blindness. Patricia Maurer describes learning to read and write as a teenager in a rural community. 1995.

# Fiction

**The Temptations of St. Ed and Brother S BR 9601**

by Frank Bergon
3 volumes
In the 1990s many people are concerned about the environment, as are St. Ed and Brother S, the only monks at the Hermitage of Solitude in the Desert. Now there is a nuclear waste dump planned for nearby land, and both monks, as well as the Shoshone Indians, object. The monks also face temptations, including lust and the desire for fame. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

**Wings of the Morning: The Kensington Chronicles, Volume 2 BR 9604**

by Lori Wick
2 volumes
For twenty-three years, Victoria (Smokey) Simmons's life has been spent on board her father's ship the Aramis. Now he is dead and she is captain. Dallas Knight, captain of the *Zephyr*, often arrives at a port too late to pick up cargo because the Aramis has gotten there first. He will not be happy to find out that the Aramis's captain is a woman. Sequel to *The Hawk and the Jewel (BR 9603)*. 1994.

**Justice for Some BR 9728**

by Kate Wilhelm
2 volumes
Sarah Drexler takes a break from filling her deceased husband's judgeship in Oregon and travels to California for a

family reunion. There she finds her son, her daughter, and her father are all very secretive. After her father's body is found floating in the pool, Sarah learns that he had hired a detective. When the detective is found murdered, Sarah's entire family begins to look suspicious. Some strong language and some violence. 1993.

**The Simeon Chamber BR 9729**
by Steve Martini
3 volumes
Attorney Sam Bogardus's irritation over his mother's "referring" another client to him turns to interest when he hears Jennifer Davies's story. Her father had been one of a two-man crew that disappeared from a naval blimp. Years later, Jennifer has received pages from a pirate's journal with a note implying that her father is still alive. Sam's investigation quickly turns ugly: he is attacked and his partner murdered. Strong language and violence. 1988.

**The Return of the King: Being the Third Part of *The Lord of the Rings* BR 9749**
by J.R.R. Tolkien
5 volumes
In this third volume of the Ring trilogy, Frodo and Sam bear the ring to Mount Doom. The War of the Rings, fought between the forces for good and the Dark Lord of evil, is ended. Sequel to *The Two Towers (BR 9747)*. 1955.

**The Mandarins BR 9769**
by Simone de Beauvoir
7 volumes
Set in Paris after World War II, this novel won the Prix Goncourt, the most coveted literary prize in France. The author draws upon her intellectual circle, which includes Jean-Paul Sartre and Albert Camus, for a portrait of the philosophical and political climate of the period. 1954.

**A Map of the World BR 9800**
by Jane Hamilton
4 volumes
School nurse Alice Goodwin and her dairy farmer husband, Howard, are never truly accepted by the small community of Prairie Center. When the daughter of Alice's one friend, Theresa, dies after falling in the Goodwin's pond, the town turns vicious. Alice is accused of sexually molesting a troubled young boy in her school. As Alice awaits trial in jail, Theresa helps a stunned Howard cope at home. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Promise Me Anything BR 9802**
by Meryl Sawyer
4 volumes
When his uncle dies, Alex Savich inherits the failing British diamond company that his uncle sank all of their savings into. As Alex tries to save the firm by sneaking diamonds smuggled by his uncle onto the market, he fights a wild attraction to jewelry designer Brett Lamont. Just as their relationship begins, Brett's missing lover returns and Alex is caught up in Russian political intrigue. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**The Catswold Portal BR 9804**
by Shirley Rousseau Murphy
3 volumes
A fantasy set in 1957 Earth and in the Netherworld or world of faerie. Queen Siddonie, pretender to the throne of faerie, plans to conquer the Netherworld—an act that would profoundly affect the upper world. The true queen, seventeen-year-old Melissa, has been transformed into a calico cat and has

taken up residence with artist Braden West, who lives near the portal between the two worlds. For high school and older readers. 1992.

**Firefall BR 9806**
by Ed Ruggero
4 volumes
Operation Solid Steel is supposed to be a series of practice maneuvers between U.S. Army Rangers led by Major Mark Isen and the German army. The Rangers have parachuted into German territory near the North Sea, where they are to engage the so-called enemy. But instead of the friendly Germans they expect, they are confronted by the ultra-rightist German People's Union—and the Rangers have no live ammunition! Violence and strong language. 1994.

**The Hellion BR 9807**
by LaVyrle Spencer
2 volumes
Tommy Lee Gentry is known as a hell-raiser in his hometown of Russellville, Alabama. He has been married three times, drives fast cars, drinks, and almost always has a woman with him. He has never been happy, but there is a chance for things to change. Rachel, his childhood sweetheart, is free again. Descriptions of sex. 1984.

**Degree of Guilt BR 9811**
by Richard North Patterson
5 volumes
Distinguished attorney Christopher Paget is raising his fifteen-year-old son Carlo. Carlo's estranged mother, television journalist Mary Carelli, is in town to interview novelist Mark Ransom but instead is accused of his murder. Not only does her story of Ransom's rape attempt have some inconsistencies for Paget and his assistant to sort out, it also involves a surprising group of well-known people. Violence and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1992.

**Sons and Lovers BR 9812**
by D.H. Lawrence
5 volumes
Restored text. Story of Paul and William Morel, brothers who bear witness to the tensions of their working-class parents. William adopts the bitterness that his father expresses too freely. Paul, the younger, finds one woman appealing and another exciting, but can elicit for neither the sensitive feelings he has for his mother. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1913.

**A Hovering of Vultures BR 9813**
by Robert Barnard
2 volumes
The Sneddon Fellowship is having its inaugural weekend bash at the Sneddon farmhouse in West Yorkshire. The late Sneddons were brother and sister authors, and Joshua Sneddon was said to have killed Susannah in a jealous snit and then killed himself. Elderly attendee Mrs. Farraday, a former resident, is shocked to find that her ancient, obnoxious mother is not only still alive but remembers something crucial about the elusive Sneddons. 1993.

**Doctor Zhivago BR 9814**
by Boris Pasternak
5 volumes
The story of a Russian physician and poet during the early decades of the twentieth century. Yurii Zhivago, an individualist and something of an outsider, is separated from his wife by the Bolsheviks and falls in love with Lara, the wife of another man. Pasternak's

portrait of Russian life during the post-revolution years includes an epilogue expressing hope for liberation and freedom in the future. 1958.

**The Track of Real Desires BR 9815**
by Beverly Lowry
2 volumes
Ten days before her scheduled breast biopsy, fiftyish Leland Standard visits her hometown of Eunola, Mississippi, with her gay son, Toby. They stay with Leland's friends Mell and Baker Farrish, who are still reeling over the suicide of their daughter. As other friends bring their troubled lives to the welcome-home dinner party, they all ponder how they got so far off the track of real desires. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Floating City: A Nicholas Linnear Novel BR 9818**
by Eric Lustbader
4 volumes
Floating City, in the Vietnam jungle, is controlled by Rock, an American who has created a powerful nuclear weapon, the Torch. It is up to Nicholas Linnear to locate Rock and destroy the Torch. Linnear gets help from his friend Lew Croaker but must face demons from his past before he can complete his mission. Sequel to *The Kaisho (BR 9447)*. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**The Palace Thief BR 9819**
by Ethan Canin
2 volumes
The title story tells of the conflict between a history teacher in a private boys' school and one of his students. The "dullard" son of a senator, Sedgewick Bell cheats at an oral exam, only to be foiled by a trick question. Years later, Bell demands another chance. In other selections, men reflect on the past, one character wondering why, "of all the lives that might have been mine, I have led the one I have just described." Some strong language. 1994.

**The Bridges of Madison County BR 9823**
by Robert James Waller
1 volume
Robert Kincaid, a photographer for *National Geographic*, arrives in Madison County, Iowa, on August 16, 1965, to photograph covered bridges. He stops at the home of Francesca Johnson to ask directions, but stays for four wonderful days—days that awaken within them a deep and abiding love, which creates another being called "us." But she is married, and they must let go of one another. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1992.

**Slow Waltz in Cedar Bend BR 9824**
by Robert James Waller
2 volumes
Michael Tillman is a middle-aged college economics professor in Cedar Bend. He first meets Jellie Braden, forty, during a reception at the dean's home. They are immediately attracted to each other, but she is married and Michael does have some scruples. When Jellie unexpectedly returns to India, Michael follows, and learns of a secret that has haunted her for a long time. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1993.

**Eyes of a Child BR 9825**
by Richard North Patterson
5 volumes
Attorney Terri Peralta leaves her emotionally abusive husband, Ricardo Arias, and begins a relationship with

her boss, Chris Paget. Unemployed Arias demands custody of daughter Elena and accuses Paget's son Carlo of sexually abusing Elena. When Arias is found dead, police suspect Paget, whose campaign for the Senate would have been ruined by Arias. Some violence and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Tunnel Vision BR 9826**
by Sara Paretsky
4 volumes
Investigator V.I. Warshawski agrees to find out why low-income housing planned by a women's trade collective is blocked. She also worries about a homeless family living in the basement of her condemned office building. When a shelter board member is found murdered in V.I.'s office after offering to help the family, all three concerns merge into one. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1994.

**The Book of Dreams BR 9838**
by Craig Nova
3 volumes
Marta works at the Hollywood *Romance Advertiser*. When an errand for her boss ends in murder, Marta's ex-con neighbor, Victor, who has been secretly following her, insists Marta help him in a blackmail scheme. Cleaning offices, Victor has stumbled upon tapes of a movie star's therapy sessions. Meanwhile, Victor loses the boy he is assigned to as a Big Brother, and a wealthy man falls for Marta. Strong language and some violence. 1994.

**To Dance with the White Dog BR 9839**
by Terry Kay
2 volumes
Sam Peek's entry in his journal says simply, "Today my wife died. We were married fifty-seven good years." His children gather and begin to discuss what is to be done. Eventually Sam finds himself alone, except for a mysterious white dog only he can see—to the consternation of his children. Although somewhat incapacitated by a bad leg, Sam remains independent until he joins his wife in death. The dog then appears to his family. Some strong language. 1990.

**Water BR 9840**
by Sue Thomas
2 volumes
Professor Ruth Murdoch's husband, Simon, left her for another woman when their daughter, Julie, was three. After one heartbreaking affair, Ruth settles for an imaginary lover. Dismayed at the havoc Simon has wreaked on their lives, Julie eventually has the opportunity to confront him. Although Julie hates to swim, water surfaces again and again throughout the story. Some strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

***Stripping* and Other Stories BR 9841**
by Pagan Kennedy
1 volume
In the title story, retired school teacher Nan decides to discuss with her cousin Henry the day he watched his older brother rape her. In "Shrinks," Sara's mother congratulates her for having consulted thirty therapists in as many years. "It shows how serious you are about solving your problems." A shy girl in "Camp" meets an even shyer boy and lets him believe she is popular. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Colonel Sandhurst to the Rescue: The Poor Relation, Volume 5 BR 9849**
by Marion Chesney
1 volume
The owners of the Poor Relation hotel are in dire straits. Colonel Sandhurst has been sent to collect an unpaid bill from Sir Randolph Gray. But rather than returning with money, he arrives with Miss Frederica Gray, who is running away from home to avoid a forced marriage to the elderly Lord Peter Bewley. As is typical at the Poor Relation, romance takes over and all works out for the best. Sequel to *Sir Philip's Folly (BR 9567)*. 1994.

**Guppies for Tea BR 9850**
by Marika Cobbold
2 volumes
After her husband dies, Selma is put into a nursing home by her son, who then leaves the country. Although troubled with senility and incontinence, Selma is adamant about leaving the home. Her daughter, Dagmar, is too busy obsessively avoiding germs, so Selma's only chance at freedom comes from her granddaughter, Amelia. As Amelia's personal life crumbles around her, she tries to do right by Selma. Some strong language. 1993.

**The Return of Mr. Campion BR 9852**
by Margery Allingham
2 volumes
A collection of mystery stories that feature sleuth Albert Campion. The author admits that she knows little about her protagonist other than that Campion is an assumed name for a man whose business card proclaims, "Coups neatly executed; nothing sordid, vulgar or plebeian; deserving cases preferred; police no object." Born in 1900, Campion ages from story to story until he is in his sixties. Includes a tribute by Agatha Christie. 1989.

**Dark Apprentice: The Jedi Academy Trilogy, Volume 2 BR 9872**
by Kevin J. Anderson
3 volumes
Despite their past victories, Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, and Princess Leia are faced with increasing losses in the ongoing war with scattered remnants of the Empire. Luke knows that lasting peace can be achieved only through the creation of a new generation of Jedi knights, but when one of his students delves into the dark side of the Force, the greatest evil of all is unleashed. Bestseller 1994.

**Dead End Game BR 9875**
by Christopher Newman
2 volumes
The night before the most important World Series game, Kansas City Royals pitcher Willie Cintron foolishly brings a woman back to his New York hotel room. Before the night is over, she has injected a drugged Cintron with a fatal dose of heroin. Hearing about Cintron's death, a friend refuses to believe the ballplayer returned to the "dead end game" of his old New York crowd. And NYPD lieutenant Joe Dante agrees. Violence and strong language. 1994.

**A Time to Kill BR 9876**
by John Grisham
4 volumes
In Clanton, Mississippi, black, ten-year-old Tonya Hailey is raped, tortured, and left for dead by two white men. She survives and identifies her abductors, who are quickly arrested. Tonya's father, Carl Lee Hailey, takes matters into his own hands, shooting and killing the two

prisoners. As his attorney prepares Carl Lee's case, the town is overrun with reporters and avenging Klansmen. Violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1989.

**Good Girls Don't Wear Trousers**
**BR 9878**
by Lara Cardella
1 volume
In Sicily young Annetta dreams of being able to wear trousers. She decides to become a nun, thinking they wear trousers under their habits like the priests. Then she tries to become a boy but learns it isn't physically possible. Next she attempts to become a slut because then she can wear what she wants. Sent by her enraged parents to live with the uncle who molested her as a child, Annetta finds a friend in her unhappy aunt. Some descriptions of sex. 1989.

**"K" Is for Killer BR 9880**
by Sue Grafton
3 volumes
P.I. Kinsey Millhone is hired by Janice Kepler to investigate the death of her daughter Lorna after the police all but give up on the baffling case. The body is so badly decomposed that it is impossible to determine if Lorna has been murdered. Kinsey shifts to night hours to find a motive when she learns that Lorna's part-time job and crude cabin belied a high-dollar hooking career and large savings account. Some strong language. Bestseller 1994.

**Fanfan BR 9888**
by Alexandre Jardin
1 volume
Descended from Robinson Crusoé, Alexandre is not like other men. When he discovers his parents' infidelities, Alexandre dreams of a romance of perpetual expectation and vows to discipline his urges and be monogamous. He becomes engaged to stable, if boring, Laure, and then meets Fanfan, who seems to share his dream. But anticipation of a half-century of unconsummated seduction is threatened by Fanfan's libido. Some strong language. 1990.

**I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This**
**BR 9898**
by Jacqueline Woodson
1 volume
Twelve-year-old Marie is a popular eighth grader in a predominantly African American class when Lena, a poor white girl, arrives. Because both girls have lost their mothers, they are soon drawn to one another. Then Lena reveals that her father is molesting her. Marie refuses to believe her, but once Marie gets over the shock, she begins to ask questions and to try to help Lena find a way out of her tragic situation. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1994.

**Adam and Eve and Pinch-Me BR 9998**
by Julie Johnston
2 volumes
Sara Moone's adoptive parents died when she was three. Since then, she has shuttled from one foster home to another, refusing to make friends and dreaming of quitting school at sixteen. But at fifteen she is placed with the Huddlestons, where she reluctantly develops some relationships and comes face to face with her birth mother. Sara writes about her jumbled feelings in her computer journal. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**Out of Control BR 10096**
by Norma Fox Mazer
1 volume
High school football star Rollo, student senator Candy, and honor society president Brig are inseparable. So when Brig teases art student Valerie, the other two go along. But when the three fondle her in the hall and Valerie goes to the principal, Rollo becomes confused. He tries to make Valerie see that he's really a nice guy but begins to see himself through her eyes. Some strong language. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1993.

**The Mysterious Island BR 10097**
by Jules Verne
2 volumes
During the Civil War, Northerner and engineer Cyrus Smith is a Southern captive. He escapes by hot-air balloon with three other men, a boy, and a dog. A storm blows them to an island, but Smith is lost at sea. Later the others find him, but no one can explain how he reached land. Mysterious events and resourcefulness help them survive the next four years. Sequel to *Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea (BR 9469)*. For high school and older readers. 1870.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Nonfiction

**Doodle Dandy! The Complete Book of Independence Day Words BR 9864**
by Lynda Graham-Barber
1 volume
Describes, explains, and provides historical information on a myriad of words and customs associated with America's Independence Day. Included are such words and phrases as "justice and equality," "wave the flag," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "barbecue," and "picnic." For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1992.

**What's Your Story? A Young Person's Guide to Writing Fiction BR 9877**
by Marion Dane Bauer
1 volume
The author states that stories help one understand the world, teaching about possibilities and the achievements of those who struggled before. An award-winning novelist, Bauer describes how to write fiction and systematically discusses its various components, including plot, character, focus, dialogue, tension, and revisions. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1992.

**In the Eyes of the Cat: Japanese Poetry for All Seasons BR 9931**
by Demi
1 volume
Classical poetry translated from Japan-

ese about cats, horses, deer, birds, frogs, ducks, and other animals. Selections are divided into groups for the four seasons. A spring poem, "Puppy," celebrates the beloved pet. Summer poems like "Joyful Crickets" and "In the Forest" relate to outdoor joys. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1992.

**Bats: Mysterious Flyers of the Night BR 9993**
by Dee Stuart
1 volume
The shy, gentle bat is one of the most misunderstood creatures. Bats are more helpful than harmful, eating tons of insect pests each night. Others pollinate plants while eating fruit and nectar. Only the vampire bat drinks blood, by making small cuts in other animals. Bats feed at night, using their ears to "see." One kind of bat is as small as a jellybean. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1994.

**A New Frontier: The Peace Corps in Eastern Europe BR 9997**
by Brent Ashabranner
1 volume
The Peace Corps has been helping people since 1961, mostly in countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. When the Soviet Union broke up, former Communist-bloc countries began asking for help and soon more than 500 Americans were working in Eastern Europe. The author describes the volunteers and the jobs they do in places such as Poland, Romania, and Slovakia. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1994.

# Fiction

**Park's Quest BR 9816**
by Katherine Paterson
1 volume
Like the knights in his Arthurian fantasies, Park has a quest—to find out about his father who was killed in Vietnam. The Vietnam War Memorial arouses his need to know, and he goes to visit his father's family at their Virginia farm. There he finds a disabled grandfather, an uncle, a Vietnamese girl, her mother, and a host of other surprises. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1988.

**Snow Treasure BR 9836**
by Marie McSwigan
1 volume
The boys and girls of a Norwegian village on the sea risk their lives to help smuggle a fortune in gold past the Nazi soldiers guarding their town. For grades 4-7. 1942.

**Wonderful Alexander and the Catwings BR 9857**
by Ursula K. Le Guin
1 volume
Sequel to *Catwings Return (BR 9141)*. Alexander, the oldest kitten in his family, decides to explore the world. Soon he is threatened by a truck, chased by dogs, stuck up a tree, and lost. Then Jane, a little black kitten with wings, comes along. Alexander follows her home and meets more winged cats. Now he wants to find a way to repay the Catwing family for their kindness. For grades 2-4. 1994.

**Missing May BR 9884**
by Cynthia Rylant
1 volume
Orphaned at six and raised by an elderly West Virginia aunt and uncle with more devotion than money, Summer is twelve years old when Aunt May dies. While Summer's grief is profound, Uncle Ob seems absolutely unable to go on living without his beloved May—that is, until he decides her presence lingers nearby and that somehow he can contact her. Disappointed in his efforts, Uncle Ob comes to choose living over mourning. For grades 5-8. Newbery Medal. 1992.

**The Fear Place BR 9995**
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
1 volume
Doug is camping with his geologist parents and his hateful brother Gordon in Colorado for the summer. When their parents have to fly out for an uncle's funeral, the brothers argue until Gordon stalks off to camp by himself on his favorite ridge. Days pass and Gordon doesn't return, so, despite his fear of the ridge, Doug is forced to look for his brother. A surprisingly friendly cougar helps him face the "fear place." Some strong language. For grades 4-7. 1994.

**Ned Feldman, Space Pirate BR 9999**
by Daniel Pinkwater
1 volume
Ned Feldman is home alone one day when he hears a noise under the kitchen sink. When Ned summons enough courage to check it out, he discovers Captain Lumpy Lugo aboard a spacecraft that looks just like the sink. Inviting Ned aboard, the Captain announces that he is Bugbeard the Pirate, famous for doing bad things. Ned goes along and soon they land on the planet Jivebone where they encounter giant space chickens. For grades 3-6. 1994.

# Handcopied Braille–Other Agencies

The following books have been hand transcribed for the library indicated with each entry and are available from that library for circulation throughout the country. Please write or call directly to the library indicated.

**LLB**
Lutheran Library for the Blind
1133 South Kirkwood Road
St. Louis, MO 63122
314-965-9000, 800-433-3954

## Adult Nonfiction

**Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs: The People's Bible Commentary LLB**
by Roland Cap Ehlke
5 volumes
A Bible study commentary written for lay readers.

**No Wrinkles on the Soul LLB**
by Richard L. Morgan
3 volumes
A book of readings for older adults. Meditations to use as daily devotions or for small group devotional use.

## Adult Fiction

**Shooting Star: Saga of the Sierras** **LLB**
by Brock and Bodie Thoene
4 volumes
Set in the California gold rush days. Western adventure with a historical background.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

**Asimov's Science Fiction** (monthly plus mid-December)
**Better Homes and Gardens** (monthly)
**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Journal of Physiotherapy** (British monthly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Braille Variety News** (monthly)
**Children's Digest** (for children, 8 issues)
**Consumers' Research** (monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] plus monthly [6])
**Fortune** (biweekly plus specials)
**Inside Sports** (monthly)
**Jack and Jill** (for children, 8 issues)
**Journal of Rehabilitation** (quarterly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Madam** (British monthly)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**New Beacon** (British monthly)
**The *New York Times* Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
**PC/Computing** (monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
**Progress** (British monthly)
**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)
**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

The following sports schedules are also available:
**American Baseball League Schedule**
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**National Football League Schedule**
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# In Brief

## Diskette Pilot Still Available

The pilot project offering readers a computer diskette with both *Braille Book Review* and *Talking Book Topics* on it is still available. The diskette contains *Braille Book Review* and *Talking Book Topics* as two separate ASCII text files on one 3½-inch IBM-compatible diskette. The data is readable by nearly all editing or file-reading software. Each file consists of the "In Brief" section, the book listings complete with annotation, and a magazine listing. Indexes and order forms are not included. This format is already available through the Internet by accessing LC MARVEL.

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## 1995 Catalog of Recorded Books Available

Two new large-print catalogs listing books recorded by NLS are now available. *Cassette Books 1995* describes flexible-disc and cassette books for adults produced by NLS during the past year. *For Younger Readers 1994–1995* lists recorded and braille children's books

added to the NLS collection during the past two years. Both large-print catalogs list books by subject categories and include forms for ordering selections from cooperating libraries. *Cassette Books* and *For Younger Readers* will be produced on flexible disc later this year and are currently available through the Internet.

The catalogs were sent directly to patrons who ordered them on their annual publications order forms. The publications can also be ordered from your cooperating library. Cassette versions of these catalogs will be available on loan at a later date.

## Magazine of the Month

The Magazine of the Month program offers readers a sampling of magazines not otherwise available through the NLS program. Each month subscribers receive a different flexible-disc magazine. Although the selections are subject to change, readers may receive some of the following magazines this year. For a free subscription to Magazine of the Month, contact your local cooperating library.

*Animals* (pet care, environmental issues, and wild animals); *Computer-Disability News*; *Eating Well: The Magazine of Food and Health*; *Elle* (women's fashion); *Esquire* (general interest, men's issues); *Exceptional Parent: Parenting Your Child with a Disability*; *Family Fun* (for parents with children ages 3-12); *Humor Magazine*; *In Health* (health, fitness, and nutrition); *Kinesis* (literary fiction, poetry, and essays); *Memories* (personalities and events of the past); *The Old-House Journal* (house restoration); *Rolling Stone* (popular music industry and culture); *Scientific American*; *Skeptical Inquirer* (paranormal phenomena); *Walking*; and *Worth* (investment and finance).

## Friends Group Offers *Ishmael*

As part of its at-home cultural series, the Friends of Libraries for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals in North America is presenting members a recorded copy of *Ishmael*, a novel by Daniel Quinn. The two-track commercial abridged edition contained on one cassette is being mailed to all Friends members, and a limited number of copies are available free to *Talking Book Topics* readers.

The book tells of a man who responds to an ad seeking a pupil who desires to save the world and finds Ishmael, a gorilla who telepathically communicates why humankind is destroying the environment. Ishmael explains that since the agricultural revolution, the myth that the earth belongs to humans has led them to destroy other species. Conversely, some species didn't follow this track and still obey the peacekeeping laws of nature. The book contains some strong language.

*Ishmael* won the 1991 Turner Tomorrow Fellowship, established to encourage authors to seek "creative and positive solutions to global problems." The author is a former executive in educational publishing who left his career to take up writing. He currently gives lectures on environmental and future-oriented issues.

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by Sri Owen
4 volumes
Owen's husband, Roger, provides introductory information on various types of rice, the rice plant, uses of rice around the world, myths about rice, and the history and possible future of rice. Sri Owen then offers more than 200 recipes using rice—from appetizers to main courses to desserts. She includes information on other ingredients and the types of markets from which many may be obtained. 1993.

**Using MS-DOS 6.2, Special Edition BR 9827**
by Allen L. Wyatt Sr. and others
11 volumes
A tutorial to all DOS commands and utilities through MS-DOS 6.2. Designed for PC users at every level, this guide covers DOS fundamentals, file and directory management, maximal use of the hard drive, and control of DOS from the most basic procedures to international communication. A reference section provides detailed information about each MS-DOS 6 command and contains seven appendixes and a glossary. 1993.

**The Consumer's Guide to Understanding and Using the Law BR 9855**
by Daniel Johnson
3 volumes
Pointing out that anyone can become involved in the legal system for one reason or another, practicing attorney Johnson provides a basic introduction to different aspects of the law. Discussed are family law including divorce; criminal law; contracts, credit, and bankruptcy; real estate; wills; personal injury; and more. Includes an appendix of sample legal documents and a glossary of legal terms. 1994.

**Paul BR 9890**
by E.P. Sanders
2 volumes
A professor of religion draws on the apostle Paul's letters and the Book of Acts for an interpretation of the life and work of the first-century Jewish follower of Christ. Sanders views Paul as a missionary of the gospel, eager to unite Jews and Gentiles in his faith. Topics the author touches on include righteousness, the resurrection of the dead,

the humanity and divinity of Christ, salvation, Christian behavior, and Jewish law. 1991.

**Freud BR 9895**
by Anthony Storr
2 volumes
A psychotherapist presents an overview of Freud's psychoanalytic theory. Storr sketches historical background, including biographical information about Freud, basic to understanding the theory. He also surveys the main features of psychoanalysis and evaluates Freudian ideas from the perspective of contemporary research. 1989.

**Travels with Charley: In Search of America BR 9952**
by John Steinbeck
2 volumes
Feeling that as an American writer he has lost touch with his country, the author sets out on a swing around the United States to see what it is really like. He travels in a trailer with "an old French gentleman poodle." Here is the leisurely account of what he saw, whom he talked with, and his conclusions, hopeful and otherwise. 1962.

**The Creative Loop: How the Brain Makes a Mind BR 9960**
by Erich Harth
2 volumes
In an attempt to explain brain functions using understandable mechanistic principles, physics professor Harth focuses on "a peculiar feature of brain structure that all too often is overlooked: the existence, the ubiquity, of feedback loops." He describes how these self-referent loops work and how they contribute to qualities such as creativity. 1993.

**The Internet Complete Reference BR 9992**
by Harley Hahn and Rick Stout
8 volumes
Guide to a worldwide group of information resources available through an international computer network. Following a general introduction, the first few chapters explain the basics and give some technical details. The remaining chapters need not be read in any specific order, but can be consulted according to one's interests. Among the many appended resources is an extensive list of Usenet discussion groups. 1994.

**The Celestine Prophecy: An Experiential Guide BR 10094**
by James Redfield and Carol Adrienne
3 volumes
Designed as a self-study guide to the nine spiritual insights discussed in *The Celestine Prophecy: An Adventure (BR 9732)*. Explores gaining a fuller understanding of life experiences by following hunches, taking advantage of coincidental opportunities, and sensing an active higher spiritual presence in one's life. Bestseller 1995.

# Fiction

**The Hawk and the Jewel: The Kensington Chronicles, Volume 1 BR 9603**
by Lori Wick
3 volumes
Even though she is English, Shani is the most favored child in the household of Ahmad Khan. Thus she has trouble understanding how her beloved Ahmad can send her back to England. On the voyage, Captain Brandon Hawkesbury tells Sunny (her given name) about her family and about life in England. But

Hawk cannot prepare her for the turmoil she soon faces. Prequel to *Wings of the Morning (BR 9604)*. 1993.

**War and Peace BR 9710**
by Leo Tolstoy
14 volumes
First published in 1869, this epic novel deals with Russia and France at the time of Napoleon Bonaparte. It describes the invasion of Russia by Napoleon and his army and presents the author's theories of history. 1869.

**The Rothman Scandal BR 9817**
by Stephen Birmingham
5 volumes
Alexandra Rothman has come a long way since she left Paradise, Missouri. She is editor-in-chief of *Mode*, a fashion magazine that has just reached a record-breaking circulation of five million. But at a celebration party, Herbert Rothman, Alex's father-in-law and boss, makes an announcement that shocks New York society and starts a chain of events that may destroy the magazine. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. 1991.

**The Moon Below BR 9820**
by Barbara Bickmore
5 volumes
Hallie Thomas has grown up in the coal-mining fields of England, but she hates it there and wants a better life somewhere else. Her chance comes when she receives a letter from an old friend, Chad Morgan, asking her to come to Australia to be his wife. But when she falls ill on board ship and is cared for by Dr. Tristan Faulkner, she falls passionately in love with him. Some violence and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1990.

**Death in Disguise BR 9842**
by Caroline Graham
3 volumes
Most everyone in the village of Compton Dando is of the opinion that the members of the commune who occupy the Manor House are a peculiar lot. Then the discovery of the body of the group's spiritual leader increases local curiosity. And life becomes very interesting for Chief Inspector Barnaby and Sergeant Troy when the number of murders continues to grow. Some strong language. 1993.

**A Grave Talent BR 9843**
by Laurie R. King
3 volumes
When Casey Martinelli transfers to a San Francisco precinct, she is paired with Alonzo Hawkin on a serial killing case. The bodies of three little girls have been found in an odd colony outside of the city. When their investigation quickly reveals that one colony resident is a convicted child-murderer, it seems too pat. And to both detectives, famous painter Vaun Adams seems an incongruous serial killer. Strong language and some violence. 1993.

**Selling the Lite of Heaven BR 9847**
by Suzanne Strempek Shea
3 volumes
When Eddie Balicki asks the thirtyish daughter of Polish immigrants to marry him, she is thrilled. But just before the wedding, Eddie gets a call to become a Catholic priest. His jilted fiancée places an ad in the *PennySaver* to sell the engagement ring, which the paper calls "the lite of heaven." Over the next year, she interviews an odd string of possible

buyers and reflects on the events that led up to this debacle. 1994.

**Hilda Lessways BR 9851**
by Arnold Bennett
3 volumes
This companion to *Clayhanger (BR 9121)* begins in 1878 in Turnhill, England, where twenty-one-year-old Hilda Lessways finds life with her widowed mother unfulfilling. Afraid that her inheritance will be squandered by her mother, Hilda gathers her courage and seeks the advice of attorney George Cannon. Cannon offers Hilda a vocation, and her life begins to change. Then a second man enters her life: Edwin Clayhanger. 1911.

**Talk before Sleep BR 9860**
by Elizabeth Berg
2 volumes
Ruth and Ann have been close friends for about five years when Ruth is diagnosed with breast cancer. Ann, a former nurse, puts her own life on hold to help Ruth cope with the debilitating illness and face the approach of death. They spend the last poignant months talking about their friendship and socializing with Ruth's group of friends. Strong language. 1994.

**Emily Louise BR 9861**
by Joan Darlington Beam
2 volumes
Twenty-nine-year-old Theresa Freidmann has been confined to her bed in a nursing home for five years because of arthritis. She is annoyed when "shameless" Emily Louise begins working at the home and disrupts Theresa's predictable life. Emily Louise dyes Theresa's hair, scolds her for not doing things for herself, and warns her that her lawyer may be after her money. Theresa's anger fades as she begins to enjoy life again. Some strong language. 1994.

**And Do Remember Me BR 9862**
by Marita Golden
2 volumes
Jessie Foster runs away from her Mississippi home to escape her father's sexual abuse. She is befriended by Lincoln Sturgis, who enlists Jessie in Freedom Summer. Jessie also finds a true friend in activist and scholar Macon Hightower. After Jessie is a hit in an amateur production of Lincoln's play, she adopts the name Pearl Moon and leaves for New York with Lincoln. Some strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1992.

**Heirs of the Motherland: The Russians, Volume 4 BR 9863**
by Judith Pella
3 volumes
Russia, 1890s. War is on the horizon as Count Dmitri Remizov returns from eighteen years in exile to claim his daughter Mariana, raised by his wife Katrina's relatives—Sergei and Anna Fedorcenko. The Fedorcenkos and Count Dmitri and Mariana will have to call upon their faith to sustain them as they struggle to reunite their families during these tumultuous times. Sequel to *Travail and Triumph (BR 9336)*. 1993.

***Fine Feathers* and Other Stories BR 9866**
by E.F. Benson
3 volumes
Stories from a literary career that began in the late nineteenth century. In the title story, a couple inherits a small fortune and takes up residence in a fine house. But, not being to the manor born, they miss the small-town gossip and activity and in the end return to

their humble home. The author joins this tale with others dealing with social comeuppance, comedy, sarcasm, crooks, cranks, and spooks. 1994.

**Q-Squared BR 9867**
by Peter David
3 volumes
Trelane, the pesky, omnipotent being who first appeared as the Squire of Gothos to Captain Kirk of the original *Enterprise*, is back to plague Captain Picard and the next-generation crew. This time Trelane threatens all of creation by tampering with three different timelines, and even the all powerful Q is unable to stop him. A Star Trek: The Next Generation novel. Some strong language. 1994.

**The Reverse of the Medal BR 9868**
by Patrick O'Brian
2 volumes
Having successfully completed his mission in the Atlantic, Captain Jack Aubrey is now back in London. While there he makes some investments that suddenly put his career in jeopardy. Once again his ship's surgeon, Stephen Maturin, comes to his rescue. 1986.

**Border Music BR 9879**
by Robert James Waller
2 volumes
Texas Jack Carmine is a wandering man who spends very little time on his one-horse ranch in Texas. He happens to be in Dillon, Minnesota, one autumn night in 1986, when a man rips off Linda Lobo's G-string instead of putting money in it. Jack attacks the man, and he and Linda run out the back door and keep on going. Thus begins an odyssey that takes Jack back into his troubled past. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1995.

**Acceptable Risk BR 9881**
by Robin Cook
3 volumes
In 1692, Elizabeth Stewart is hanged as a witch in Salem after a young girl in her care experiences hallucinations. Now, 300 years later, Elizabeth's descendant Kim Stewart, who inherited Elizabeth's house, is dating a scientist who suspects a mold on Elizabeth's rye caused the problem. His search leads to the discovery of a possible antidepressant, but his odd behavior is scaring Kim. Violence and some strong language. Bestseller 1994.

**Love Lies BR 9886**
by Fern Kupfer
3 volumes
Fran Meltzer; her best friend, Julia Markem; and Julia's husband, Tyler, all teach at the same college. When Julia discovers Tyler is having an affair with one of his students, he shows no remorse and even blames Julia. Soon after, Tyler dies while weightlifting. Fran, who always disliked Tyler, is shocked to learn that the police suspect Julia may have killed him, but is pleased to assist the intriguing detective. Some strong language. 1994.

**The Man in the High Castle BR 9889**
by Philip K. Dick
2 volumes
This 1963 Hugo Award winner portrays an alternate history. The Axis powers have won World War II and jointly occupy the United States. A German faction attempts to warn the Japanese about an impending nuclear attack. The *I Ching* is used not only in the plotting of this story, but also within the story as the basis of a "subversive" alternate his-

tory written by a German author. Some strong language. 1962.

**Virtual Love BR 9891**
by Avodah Offit
3 volumes
New York sex therapists Aphra and Marc begin corresponding by e-mail after Marc moves to the West Coast and needs advice on treating a patient he has sexual feelings for. The relationship between Aphra and Marc (both married) soon becomes more than friendship. When Marc returns to New York for his father's funeral, he reads the lengthy passages Aphra has never sent him, and the two discover an astonishing fact. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

**The Favourite BR 9892**
by Meredith Daneman
1 volume
As Rosalind attempts to comprehend her husband Frank's leavetaking, she thinks back to the times her father left. As her father's favorite daughter, Rosalind's role was to try to convince him to stay. In her relationship with Frank, Rosalind was first the other woman, then the wife, and now, finally, the wife being left for the other woman. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

**Kiss of the Wolf BR 9893**
by Jim Shepard
2 volumes
Recently separated, high school teacher Joanie Mucherino is driving her son, Todd, home from his confirmation party when she hits a man in the road. Realizing he's dead, Joanie can't bring herself to notify the police, much to Todd's dismay. The next day they learn the victim was a friend of car salesman Bruno Minea, who has had a crush on Joanie since childhood. And Bruno is determined to find the hit-and-run driver. Strong language and some violence. 1994.

**The Silent Suitor BR 9896**
by Elisabeth Fairchild
2 volumes
Miss Sarah Wilkes Lyndle's mother died from a feverish malaise when Sarah was still quite young. That same fever took away Sarah's sight. Now, at twenty-four, Sarah has left her sheltered country life behind and come to London for the first time. Lady Castleford, who happens to have a son known as the "Beast" and a handsome nephew known as "Beauty," has agreed to introduce Sarah at Almack's. 1994.

**Called Out BR 9897**
by A.G. Mojtabai
2 volumes
People of the small town of Bounds, Texas, react to the crash of a 727 jet carrying ninety-nine people. The widow whose field the plane lands in marvels that "you can't go anywhere nowadays without the world raining in on you." The local priest anoints all passengers regardless of their religion or condition. A passenger with Alzheimer's disease wanders lost through the town. And a man shocks his neighbors by stealing a severed hand. Strong language. 1994.

**The Masters of the House: A Novel of Suspense BR 9899**
by Robert Barnard
2 volumes
When Ellen Heenan and her newborn baby die, her husband, Dermot, breaks down. Panicked that their family will be broken up if word gets out, young Matthew and his sister Annie take over car-

ing for the two younger children. But Carmen O'Keefe, a woman rumored to have had an affair with Dermot, demands to see him. When she is found dead in their garden, the children must cover that up, too. Strong language and some violence. 1994.

**Star Trek Generations BR 9953**
by J.M. Dillard
2 volumes
On the maiden voyage of the new *Enterprise 1701-B*, Captain Kirk is trapped in a timeless nexus when an energy ribbon hits the ship. Seventy-eight years later, Captain Picard of the Enterprise *1701-D* is also propelled into the nexus while pursuing an evil scientist. Inside the nexus, Kirk and Picard meet and team up to stop the scientist from killing millions of people. A Star Trek novel based on the motion picture. Bestseller 1994.

**The Rainmaker BR 10091**
by John Grisham
4 volumes
Before Rudy Baylor graduates from law school and starts his new job, he must provide free legal advice at a senior center. His clients are a couple whose grown son is dying of leukemia and whose insurance company has abandoned them. Rudy's excitement over their promising case is dashed by the news that his much-needed job offer has been withdrawn. And that's only the beginning of his bad-luck streak. Some strong language. Bestseller 1995.

**Once upon a More Enlightened Time: More Politically Correct Bedtime Stories BR 10132**
by James Finn Garner
1 volume
In the sequel to *Politically Correct Bedtime Stories (BR 9870)*, Garner once more provides fairytales without biases. Hansel and Gretal become ecoheroes who turn their tree butcher father into a beaver. In "The Little Mer-Persun," the air breather sacrifices his peopleness and becomes half prawn to be with his mer-person underwater. Bestseller 1995.

**Jesse BR 10145**
by Gary Soto
1 volume
In the 1960s, Jesse, seventeen, and his brother, Abel, move out of their drunken stepfather's house into a cottage of their own. Jesse then joins Abel in the community college. They live on their late father's Social Security benefits and their own work in the fields. Jesse worries about Cesar Chavez's cause and about Abel's involvement with a non-Mexican girl, and he tries to fit religion and girlfriends into his own life. For high school and older readers. 1994.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Nonfiction

**All the Colors of the Earth BR 9933**
by Sheila Hamanaka
1 volume
Reveals in verse how all the children of the world are similar even though they come in colors of earth and sky and sea. Some come in browns like roaring bears or the russet shades of fallen leaves. Some come with bouncy hair like baby lambs or flowing hair like water. But they all come with laughter that brightens the land with happy faces. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3 and older readers. 1994.

**The Legend of the Poinsettia BR 9935**
retold by Tomie De Paola
1 volume
Lucida is helping her mother make a new blanket for the baby Jesus for the Christmas procession. Her mother becomes ill, and Lucida tries to finish the blanket but gets the threads all tangled. With no gift for baby Jesus, Lucida does not want to go to church. But an old woman tells Lucida any gift she gives will be loved. A surprise awaits everyone when Lucida brings a bunch of weeds to church. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3 and older readers. 1994.

## Fiction

**The Three Princes: A Tale from the Middle East BR 9926**
retold by Eric A. Kimmel
1 volume
A princess, wise and beautiful, has three favorite suitors—Prince Fahad, Prince Muhammed, and Prince Mohsen. While the former two are rich and renowned, Prince Mohsen is neither, but his flashing eyes and handsome face have charmed the princess. In order to choose whom she will marry, she sends the three on a quest to bring her the rarest item that can be found. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3 and older readers. 1994.

**John Henry BR 9934**
by Julius Lester
1 volume
John Henry was a beautiful, strong African American boy. As a man, John Henry met mean Ferret-Faced Freddy and beat him in a race. Then he tackled a huge boulder that was blocking a road, and a rainbow smiled on his work. Next he tried to beat a drill that was cutting into a mountain to let the train pass through. This was his last contest, but you might still hear him singing, "I got a rainbow." PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1994.

**Swamp Angel BR 9936**
by Anne Isaacs
1 volume
When Angelica Longrider was born on August 1, 1815, she was "scarcely taller than her mother." By the age of two, she had built her own log cabin, and

when she was twelve, she rescued a whole wagon train from Dejection Swamp and got the name Swamp Angel. But Angelica was best known for her fight with Thundering Tarnation, the biggest and meanest bear anyone had ever known. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3, 1994.

**Why Did the Underwear Cross the Road? BR 10093**
by Gordon Korman
1 volume
Justin Zeckendorf's teacher divides the class into groups of three, and he ends up with drippy Jessica Zander and Margaret Zachary again. The assignment is to do good deeds and the winners get to go to a water park. The Zs' first good deed gets them negative points when they try to help a woman and get her suitcase run over. Justin decides they are going to have to catch a car thief to catch up. For grades 2-4. 1994.

**Real Heroes BR 10095**
by Marilyn Kaye
1 volume
When Kevin's mother left two months ago, she asked him to come with her, but he refused to desert his father, a cop who's not afraid of anything. Kevin's gym teacher, Mr. Logan, understands Kevin's anger at his mother. But now word is out that Mr. Logan is HIV-positive, and his job is at risk. Leading the parents against him is Kevin's father. Has Kevin finally discovered something his brave father is afraid of? Some strong language. For grades 6-9. 1993.

**Play Ball, Amelia Bedelia BR 10144**
by Peggy Parish
1 volume
Amelia Bedelia is a housekeeper who takes everything she is told literally. One day when the neighborhood baseball team needs a replacement player for a game, Amelia volunteers. But when they tell her to steal bases, tag players, and run home, she gets confused. For grades K-3. 1972.

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## Adult Nonfiction

**How to Live with Your Kids When You've Already Lost Your Mind LLB**
by Ken Davis
5 volumes
Addresses issues families struggle with daily, such as discipline, communication, sex, and the drive for independence. Using a humorous style, the author offers encouragement and practical advice.

**Laugh Again LLB**
by Charles R. Swindoll
5 volumes
Using biblical principles, the author encourages readers to share in the joy of life.

**Quiet Times for Couples LLB**
by H. Norman Wright
9 volumes
A daily devotional for married couples.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

**Asimov's Science Fiction** (monthly plus mid-December)
**Better Homes and Gardens** (monthly)
**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Journal of Physiotherapy** (British monthly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Braille Variety News** (monthly)
**Children's Digest** (for children, 8 issues)
**Consumers' Research** (monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])
**Fortune** (biweekly plus specials)
**Inside Sports** (monthly)
**Jack and Jill** (for children, 8 issues)
**Journal of Rehabilitation** (quarterly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Madam** (British monthly)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**New Beacon** (British monthly)
**The *New York Times* Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
**PC/Computing** (monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
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**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)
**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

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# In Brief

## Letter from National Advisory Group

The members of the National Advisory Group on Collection-Building Activities wish to thank our fellow patrons and librarians for their input on the NLS program. Please be assured that your ideas and suggestions were thoroughly discussed and incorporated into the recommendations that the committee made during its deliberations on September 20-22, 1995.

Implementation of a suggestion for an addition of a certain book is a time-consuming process because NLS must purchase the book, obtain copyright permission, and award a production contract. Do not let these time constraints discourage you from making suggestions.

The NLS National Advisory Group represents you. Please continue to assist us by contacting committee members or NLS collection development staff with your suggestions. Input from patrons is a key ingredient in the success of our program. The group meets again at NLS on September 18-20, 1996.

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## Nonfiction

**Galileo, Courtier: The Practice of Science in the Culture of Absolutism BR 9856**

by Mario Biagioli
6 volumes
Galileo is presented during what was to become the most controversial period of his life, between 1610 and 1633, when he served as a scientist under the patronage of the Medicis. He enjoyed considerable freedom of thought at first, but his credibility was ultimately challenged by Vatican authorities. 1993.

**Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela BR 9951**

by Nelson Mandela
6 volumes
Memoirs of the South African leader who spent twenty-seven years in prison for opposing apartheid. Son of a tribal chief, Mandela had a traditional country childhood and a college education. As a leader of the African National Congress, he began talks that led to the mitigation of apartheid. Released from prison in 1990, he became president in 1994, with blacks voting for the first time. Bestseller 1994.

**Your Own Worst Enemy: Understanding the Paradox of Self-Defeating Behavior BR 9958**

by Steven Berglas and Roy F. Baumeister
2 volumes
Two psychologists examine the behaviors of those who seem to inflict pain, suffering, and hardships on themselves for no apparent reason. Rather than offer a blueprint for self-help, the authors seek to help people recognize (and understand the consequences of) well-intentioned, self-serving, or deliberately malicious self-defeating behavior. 1993.

**More than Meets the Eye: The Story of a Remarkable Life and a Transcending Love BR 9962**

by Joan Brock and Derek L. Gill
2 volumes
Thirty-two-year-old Joan and her husband Joe were employed at the Iowa Braille and Sight-Saving School when Joan suddenly lost the ability to see the color pink and soon was irreversibly blind. Then Joe was diagnosed with cancer and died. Joan and her daughter moved, and Joan obtained a "talking computer," spoke about her experience, and wed a high-school crush. 1994.

**The Origin of Humankind BR 9976**
by Richard Leakey
2 volumes
The author traces the history of evolution theories and draws on his scientific analysis of human fossils to explain human origins. Leakey's position is that in spite of what certain evolutionary events suggest, it is social behavior, not mechanical devices like tools, that drives the evolutionary force. 1994.

**Dr. Faustus: Second Edition Based on the A Text BR 9978**
by Christopher Marlowe
2 volumes
Classic late-sixteenth-century drama in blank verse and prose tells the tragic history of the life and death of a man who sold his soul to the Devil. 1968.

**A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of *A Course in Miracles* BR 9979**
by Marianne Williamson
2 volumes
Williamson, a lecturer in the areas of spirituality and new thought, believes that love is an essential element in the healing of the world. She says humans are born with love, yet as they grow older love is replaced with fear as they learn about competition, sickness, guilt, death, and limitations. Her book provides a guide for a journey back to love. Bestseller 1992.

***QE2* BR 9983**
by Ronald W. Warwick
2 volumes
The author, himself a captain, tells the story of the last of the ocean liners. Warwick begins with maritime history of the Cunard line, tracing its growth from a fleet of steamships carrying mail across the Atlantic to passenger ships, troopships, and now cruise ships. Based on the success of the original *Queen Elizabeth*, a decision was made in 1959 to build the faster *QE2*, which was finally launched in 1969. 1993.

**Hegel BR 10058**
by Peter Singer
1 volume
A beginner's guide to the complex ideas of the Prussian-born nineteenth-century philosopher George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel. Singer discusses Hegel's philosophy of history, his views of freedom and society, his concept of logic, and what many believe to be Hegel's most challenging work, *The Phenomenology of Mind*. 1983.

**Against All Opposition: Black Explorers in America BR 10070**
by Jim Haskins
1 volume
Collective biography of black men who have "left their footprints in the soil of the Americas." Through the lives of such men as Matthew Henson, codiscoverer of the North Pole; Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, founder of Chicago; and Guion Stewart (Guy) Bluford Jr., the first black American to travel in space, Haskins demonstrates how goals, ideals, and hard work can lead to discovery. For junior and senior high readers. 1992.

**Speaking Out: Teenagers Take on Race, Sex, and Identity BR 10073**
by Susan Kuklin
2 volumes
The author spent a year at the Bayard Rustin High School for the Humanities, the most culturally diverse school in Manhattan. Students, including members of the Humane Humanities Club, and teachers describe how they feel

about prejudice and about how they are treated because of their race, religion, sexual preferences, appearances, and mannerisms. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

**The October Palace BR 10079**
by Jane Hirshfield
1 volume
This collection reveals the poet's commitment to Buddhist meditation and her serious reflection on nature. Often the two are joined, as in "Perceptibility Is a Kind of Attentiveness," in which Hirshfield likens the inner being to an apple tree in which "we can see with our own, the black roots twisting down from the heart." 1994.

**Chicken Soup for the Soul: 101 Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit BR 10088**
by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen
2 volumes
Collection of true stories, poems, and several checklists that readers might use to help them through bad times. The seven sections include love, parenting, living your dream, and overcoming obstacles. Includes works by Bennet Cerf, Art Buchwald, Robert Fulghum, and Theodore Roosevelt. Followed by *A Second Helping of Chicken Soup for the Soul (BR 10090)*. Bestseller 1993.

**A Second Helping of Chicken Soup for the Soul: 101 More Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit BR 10090**
by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen
2 volumes
The authors provide a second group of anecdotes to "warm your heart, soothe your soul, and buoy your emotions." Covers topics such as parenting, personal attitude, dreams, love, death, teaching, and overcoming obstacles. Follows *Chicken Soup for the Soul (BR 10088)*. Bestseller 1995.

**Fifty Fabulous Parties for Kids BR 10100**
by Linda Hetzer
2 volumes
Tips and ideas, from choosing a theme to making an appropriate cake, are provided in this guide for planning parties for young people. Sections include "Parties for Children Ages 3 to 5," "Parties for Children Ages 6 to 9," "Parties for Children Ages 10 to 12," and "Holidays and Family Events." 1994.

**Monster Trucks and Hair-in-a-Can: Who Says America Doesn't Make Anything Anymore? BR 10150**
by Bill Geist
2 volumes
Geist celebrates the American entrepreneurial spirit in a series of humorous essays. His topics include a man who makes a good living off of people who don't play golf very well, by retrieving used golf balls from lakes. Also discussed are kitchen gadget savant Ron Popeil's products, *Entertainment Tonight*'s Mary Hart with her leg cross, and the booming fake-nail industry. 1994.

# Fiction

**Aegypt BR 9605**
by John Crowley
4 volumes
Pierce Moffett, an out-of-work professor, and Rosie Rasmussen, a young divorcee, are drawn together by their love for the historical novels of the reclusive

and eccentric Fellowes Kraft. They soon find themselves on the trail of an alternate history of the world, full of angels, magic, and the hidden lore of a country known as Aegypt. 1987.

**These Twain BR 9853**
by Arnold Bennett
4 volumes
In the third volume of the Clayhanger trilogy that includes *Clayhanger (BR 9121)* and *Hilda Lessways (BR 9851)*, Edwin and Hilda have married after Hilda's "tragic adventure with a rascal and a bigamist," and her son by George Cannon is now ten years old. The book begins with an "at home" gathering at the Clayhangers' in 1892 and follows the ups and downs of their marriage through the next five years. 1915.

**The City Who Fought BR 9865**
by Anne McCaffrey and S.M. Stirling
4 volumes
Shellperson Simeon controls the vast, city-sized space station SSS-900. Bored with the daily mining and processing operations, Simeon indulges his passion for war games. When refugees arrive fleeing Kolnari space pirates, Simeon knows that the station's only chance for survival is a real-life application of his war game skills. Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

**Treason's Harbour BR 9869**
by Patrick O'Brian
3 volumes
Following a battle off the Ionian islands, Captain Jack Aubrey and Dr. Stephen Maturin are in Malta, where both of Aubrey's ships, the *Worcester* and the *Surprise*, are undergoing repairs. While Aubrey concerns himself with the reconditioning work, Maturin, surgeon and spy, learns that agents of Napoleon are planning to sabotage Aubrey's next mission. 1983.

**A Time for Love BR 9894**
by Constance O'Day-Flannery
3 volumes
In the dentist's chair with her mind clouded by laughing gas, businesswoman Elle Mackenzie is suddenly transported back to 1876. She is mistaken for Jordan McCabe's mail-order bride and taken to his Texas ranch. Other twists of fate find her actually married to Jordan, and mother of two orphaned children. But fear of returning to the 1990s threatens her happiness. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1991.

**Singing Songs BR 9900**
by Meg Tilly
2 volumes
When Anna is four, her father takes her older brother and leaves her mother and the four youngest children. Mama marries Richard, who moves in with three children of his own. Mama quits work, but they don't become a typical family. They fight a lot, they move to avoid social workers, and everyone calls Mama a "hoor." Worse, Richard insists on giving Anna and her sisters kissing lessons. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. 1994.

**The Grapes of Wrath BR 9954**
by John Steinbeck
5 volumes
Pulitzer Prize-winning story of the Joads from Oklahoma, who, along with other families during the Great Depression, are driven from their dust-bowl

farms by the encroachment of large agricultural interests. They set out, like generations before them, to the promised land of California to find work. Instead they face organized opposition to their struggle to survive. Strong language. 1939.

**The Indictment BR 9955**
by MacKenzie Canter
3 volumes
Kendall Wilkinson grew up with Peyton, who is now married to Kendall's cousin, Roger Dufault. Kendall and Peyton have an affair, and six months later, Roger, who is facing fraud charges, is found beaten to death in a motel room. Handling Roger's estate, Kendall discovers a cryptic letter from his own uncle. Before Kendall can find the link, his uncle dies, revealing a sordid, dangerous hobby. Strong language and violence. 1994.

**Suffer Little Children BR 9959**
by Thomas D. Davis
2 volumes
Two years ago, private investigator Dave Strickland lost his baby to crib death and his wife to suicide. Now he has been hired to find Billy, the missing five-year-old son of a small-town minister. Billy shocked his mother and the congregation with outbursts of profanity due to Tourette's syndrome, and his babysitter thinks he was depressed enough to kill himself. But a ransom note points to kidnapping. Strong language and some violence. 1991.

**Fat Lightning BR 9963**
by Howard Owen
2 volumes
When Nancy's husband, Sam, gets fed up with his pharmacist job in Richmond, he takes Nancy and their toddler son back to his hometown, where his surly uncle Lot has a long-burning mountain of sawdust on his land. As Nancy and Sam face extramarital temptations, Lot's solitary life changes when he discovers an image of Jesus on his barn. Years later, Nancy writes a novel about what happened to Lot. Strong language, descriptions of sex, and some violence. 1994.

**Family Games BR 9964**
by Jean Stubbs
3 volumes
Blanche Malpas's mother, Sybil, invites her grown children to spend Christmas with her and their father, Tony, at their Cornwall home. Tony has ignored Blanche since the birth of her illegitimate son, Aaron. The reunion is interrupted by unexpected guests: Aaron's father; Tony's mysterious sister, Tasha; and the estranged wife of Blanche's brother. And Blanche learns the shocking truth about her parentage. Strong language. 1994.

**Firehand BR 9965**
by Andre Norton and P.M. Griffin
2 volumes
The Dominion of Virgin has been destroyed by the Baldies—a band of time-traveling predators who wipe out any race they encounter. Ross Murdock, Eveleen Riordan, and Gordon Ashe are time agents for the Project, whose goal is to rescue Dominion by going back to an earlier time and providing the residents with the mental powers needed to avoid the Baldies' attack. For high school and older readers. 1994.

**Back in Society: The Poor Relation, Volume 6 BR 9966**
by Marion Chesney
2 volumes
The Poor Relation Hotel has become the fashionable place to stay—especially with the Prince of Wales's coat of arms over the door. The last thing the proprietors need is a suicide. But having been thrown out of her home, Lady Jane Fremney is planning exactly that. Of course the Poor Relation owners won't let it happen. Sequel to *Colonel Sandhurst to the Rescue (BR 9849)*. 1994.

**Out of Body and Mind BR 9969**
by Veronica Jean
2 volumes
Eve White is in prison for killing her art teacher, Adam Sault, with a poisoned apple. She explains how the Sandman, her silent guide since she was seven, instructed her to do it after Adam was repulsed by Eve's webbed toes. Eve, who has been in therapy for anxiety attacks and out-of-body experiences, also tells of her unusual past and the trial that landed her in prison. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

**Coldiron BR 9970**
by F.M. Parker
2 volumes
Disguised as a boy and hired as a ranch hand by horse breeder Luke Coldiron, Cristine plans her revenge on Coldiron for her mother's death. Then she learns she owes her life to the man. Violence and some strong language. 1984.

**Growing Light BR 9974**
by Martha Conley
2 volumes
When her husband dies in a car crash, Anne Munro accepts a job at Growing Light, despite her misgivings about its abrasive New Age owner, George Ashby, and his kooky staff. The firm develops garden and farm management systems software and hardware attuned to the owners' biorhythms. When Ashby is killed on Anne's first day at work, she is shocked to learn that, though Ashby had many enemies, she is the primary suspect. Strong language. 1993.

**The Loud Adios BR 9977**
by Ken Kuhlken
2 volumes
In 1943, shortly after his wife leaves taking their daughter with her, thirty-six-year-old California private eye Tom Hickey is drafted. On his post at the Mexican border, Hickey is approached by a young soldier who wants help rescuing his sister. Childlike Wendy Rose dances nude in a Tijuana club whose owner has an odd control over her. Hickey's attempt to retrieve her reveals a Nazi plot. Violence and some strong language. 1991.

**Excuse Me for Asking BR 9981**
by Janis Arnold
3 volumes
Julia Salwell and Robin Tilton meet as college roommates at Texas Tech and, although very different in temperament, begin a lifelong friendship back in Julia's small hometown. Intellectual Robin doesn't admit that she has nagging doubts about her aunt's hazy account of the death of Robin's parents. But surprisingly, outspoken Julia also has a buried secret that she has never confronted her beloved father about. Some strong language. 1994.

**Commission BR 9984**
by Finn Carling
1 volume
A once-famous writer who has isolated himself with his dog on the island of Corsica has become so detached that he refers to himself in the third person. Then an eccentric and wealthy family breaks his solitude with a commission, more like a demand, for the writer to produce a book about their son. The reclusive writer is drawn out of himself and his surroundings to investigate the circumstances of the young man's mysterious death. 1991.

**The Wind Blows Backward BR 9988**
by Mary Downing Hahn
2 volumes
Members of the popular crowd at Lauren's high school call her "Mouse" if they notice her at all. When Spencer, a fellow book lover and her secret crush in middle school, joined that crowd she gave up on him. But now, in their senior year, Spencer is starting to talk to her again. When they begin to date, Lauren quickly falls in love, despite Spencer's and others' warnings that he has problems. Some strong language. For high school and older readers. 1993.

**Jackals BR 9989**
by Charles Grant
2 volumes
Traveling to Virginia, Rachel is forced off a hill in Tennessee by the occupants of an eerie Cadillac. Battered and terrified, she escapes and crawls to the nearby home of Jim Scott, who tells her the truth about her pursuers. They are a band of jackal-like humans who skin and eat their victims, and Scott has been hunting them for years. Strong language and violence. 1994.

**Mind Prey BR 10052**
by John Sandford
3 volumes
When psychiatrist Andi Manette and her two daughters are kidnapped, everyone thinks it's for her wealthy family's money. Instead, their abductor is John Mail, a former patient who is obsessed with Manette. When Mail learns Deputy Chief Lucas Davenport, who also appeared in *Night Prey (BR 9692)*, is heading up the investigation, he is thrilled. Mail is a gamer who has played Davenport's computer games. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1995.

**Champions of the Force: The Jedi Academy Trilogy, Volume 3 BR 10104**
by Kevin J. Anderson
2 volumes
The heroes of the New Republic continue their struggle against the evil Empire. Princess Leia strives to protect her children from imperial agents, Han Solo undertakes a mission to track down a rogue Jedi knight and persuade him to return to the good side of the Force, and Luke Skywalker lies comatose fighting for his survival on the spirit plane. A Star Wars novel. Sequel to *Dark Apprentice (BR 9872)*. Bestseller 1994.

**Tortilla Flat BR 10108**
by John Steinbeck
2 volumes
The setting is Danny's house in a tumbledown section of Monterey, California. Pilon, Pablo, Jesus Maria Corcoran, Big Joe Portagee, and the old pirate—Danny's friends—are paisanos of mixed Spanish, Indian, Mexican, and assorted Caucasian bloods. They are also generally amoral vagabonds with soft hearts and no scruples. 1935.

**The Seventh Sacrament BR 10133**
by James Bradberry
2 volumes
Wealthy Renzo Piruzzi has invited six famous architects to his villa to design the new world headquarters for his Italian firm. They will be advised by Jamie Ramsgill, a university professor. When the architects arrive, they learn they will actually be competing to design a chapel. But when two of the competitors die, Jamie begins to suspect foul play—and a connection with the seven sacraments. Strong language. 1994.

**Alibi for an Actress BR 10134**
by Gillian B. Farrell
2 volumes
In this prequel to *Murder and a Muse (BR 10121)*, struggling actress Annie McGrogan offers her services to flashy private detective Duke DeNobili. When he assigns her to help protect soap opera actress Lucinda Merrill, Annie is proud of her realistic portrayal of a private eye and grateful for the easy money. But things get complicated when Merrill's husband is killed and Lucinda is a suspect. Strong language. 1992.

**Taft BR 10136**
by Ann Patchett
2 volumes
Drummer John Nickel becomes manager of Muddy's, a Memphis bar, after his son Franklin is born. When Franklin's mother moves him to Florida, the void in John's life is filled by young Fay, who applies to be a waitress, and her troubled brother, Carl. As John becomes entangled in their lives and fantasizes about what their late father was like, he realizes it is impossible to keep everyone safe. Strong language and some violence. 1994.

**Fatlands BR 10147**
by Sarah Dunant
2 volumes
Private investigator Hannah Wolfe is assigned to chaperone Mattie Shepherd, fourteen, on a birthday excursion to London. Her father, a research scientist, had promised to take Mattie but was too busy. When Mattie goes to get a theater guide from her father's car, the car explodes, killing her. The police assume the scientist was the intended victim and suspect animal-rights activists. But Hannah wants to investigate. Strong language and violence. 1993.

**The Hookmen BR 10151**
by Timothy Hillmer
3 volumes
After his mother and sister leave, nineteen-year-old Cruz takes a job with the Kern River Search and Rescue to support himself and his alcoholic father. Aging Crawdad teaches Cruz how to be a hookman, fishing dead bodies out of the river. Cruz makes friends with hookman Walker and begins a relationship with troubled Rita. Despite Walker's advice, Cruz agrees to go on a wild boat ride with Crawdad. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

# Books for Children

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## Nonfiction

**Celebrating America: A Collection of Poems and Images of the American Spirit BR 9932**
compiled by Laura Whipple
1 volume
Poems and pictures attempt to capture the American spirit under headings such as "land," "heart," "stories," and "people." There is patriotic, humorous, lyrical, and spiritual poetry. These and other styles are illustrated by artwork ranging from traditional landscapes, portraits, and folk art to abstract and pop art. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1994.

**George Washington's Mother BR 9972**
by Jean Fritz
1 volume
A biography of Mary Ball Washington, the strong-willed mother of the first president. Mary married Augustine Washington, a widower with two children, at the age of twenty-one (considered late at that time). George was their first child. Mary, who preferred living on a farm without close neighbors, never condoned George's soldiering, remained loyal to King George, smoked a pipe, and died at age eighty-one. For grades 2-4. 1992.

**To the Top! Climbing the World's Highest Mountain BR 10059**
by S.A. Kramer
1 volume
Mount Everest in Asia is the highest mountain in the world, and in 1953 Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay hoped they would be the first men to reach its peak—the top of the world. Each had dreamed of climbing the dangerous mountain, where just a slip of the foot can send a climber ten thousand feet below to death, and together they met the challenge. For grades 2-4. 1993.

**Checking Your Grammar BR 10066**
by Marvin Terban
2 volumes
Guide to editing your writing before someone else reads it. Shows how to build sentences using different parts of speech, proper grammar, correct spelling, and punctuation. Offers many examples. For grades 5-8. 1993.

**Predator! BR 10067**
by Bruce Brooks
1 volume
A predator is an animal or plant that kills animals for food. The author discusses various predators along the food chain including birds, tigers, crocodiles, spiders, hyenas, and snakes. He explains how they hunt (either by themselves or in groups) and how they kill the prey when they find it. Brooks also describes the methods preyed-upon animals have of staying alive. For grades 5-8. 1991.

**Barefoot Dancer: The Story of Isadora Duncan BR 10082**
by Barbara O'Connor
1 volume
Considered by many the mother of modern dance, Isadora Duncan admitted that "from the first, I have only danced my life." She quit school at thirteen in 1890 to devote herself to teaching dance. She later took her divorced mother and siblings overseas, where her unusual barefoot dancing made her a star. Duncan performed and taught dance until her accidental death in 1927. For grades 4-6. 1994.

**Sister Shako and Kolo the Goat: Memories of My Childhood in Turkey BR 10105**
by Vedat Dalokay
1 volume
An old man likes to recall his life as a boy in a small Turkish village where his father was a landlord. A woman called Sister Shako lived in their stable with her goats, six of her own and Kolo, who just appeared one day and soon became her favorite. The storyteller tells about Shako's way with animals, her superstitions, her generosity, her love of nature, and finally her death. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**It Happened in America: True Stories from the Fifty States BR 10152**
by Lila Perl
2 volumes
Beginning with the Alabama bus boycott sparked by Rosa Parks and continuing state-by-state in alphabetical order, the author presents a selection of fifty true accounts from American history. A history that she describes as "crammed with tales of quiet courage and dashing bravado, feats of accomplishment, and magnificent failures." For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1992.

# Fiction

**The Wish Giver: Three Tales of Coven Tree BR 9967**
by Bill Brittain
1 volume
When a peculiar little man appears at the Coven Tree Church social, promising to give people exactly what they ask for, three young believers-in-magic make wishes that come disastrously true. Sequel to *Devil's Donkey (BR 5172)*. For grades 4-7. 1983.

**The Great Gilly Hopkins BR 9968**
by Katherine Paterson
1 volume
Gilly Hopkins is nobody's real kid. Because she keeps hoping to find her real mother, a beautiful woman who deserted her at birth, Gilly schemes against almost everyone who tries to love her along the way. For grades 5-8. 1978.

**Spy for the Night Riders BR 9973**
by Dave and Neta Jackson
1 volume
1520. Karl Schumacher, fifteen, has come to Wittenberg to further his studies. Martin Luther, one of the most famous professors in the Holy Roman Empire, takes in Schumacher as a servant and student. When Luther is condemned by the Roman Catholic Church as a heretic, one who does not believe the accepted truth about God or the church, Schumacher accompanies him to Worms, where Luther plans to defend his views. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1992.

**The Magic Finger BR 10055**
by Roald Dahl
1 volume
When an eight-year-old girl is cross, the forefinger on her right hand starts to tingle. The last time that happened, her teacher turned into a cat. Now she's put the magic finger on the whole Gregg family, next door, because she's angry with them for hunting animals. When the Greggs wake up, they realize they are tiny birds, and their house has been taken over by large ducks. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1966.

**Paper Faces BR 10056**
by Rachel Anderson
1 volume
In the days after the end of World War II, young Dot worries about having to go through more changes. She and her mother, Gloria, have shuttled from one dingy London rooming house to another, Baby is in the hospital with pneumonia, and the father Dot can't even remember hasn't been released from the army yet. Then Dot finds comfort in a stay in the country, recuperating from her own poverty-induced illnesses. For grades 6-9. 1991.

**The Bears on Hemlock Mountain BR 10057**
by Alice Dalgliesh
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Jonathan's mother has invited twenty members of the family for dinner, and she needs to borrow a big iron pot from Aunt Emma, who lives on the other side of Hemlock Mountain. Although his mother says there are no bears on Hemlock Mountain, Jonathan is not sure he wants to go over the mountain alone to get the pot. When darkness falls and the animals come out of the forest, Jonathan learns to be brave. For grades 2-4. 1952.

**Freaky Friday BR 10060**
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1 volume
After thirteen-year-old Annabel Andrews and her mother have a hot argument over freedom and responsibility, Annabel wakes on Friday morning and finds that she has turned into her mother. For grades 5-8. 1972.

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One night April wakes up and her house is on fire. She is rescued along with her mother and grandmother, but the house is destroyed. It is hard for April to get over being scared, so she talks to the school psychologist, Dr. Brandon. For grades 3-6. 1994.

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On his tenth birthday, Jackson Jones is hoping for a basketball. Instead, his mother buys him a plot in the community garden to give him the same kind of childhood she had in the country. Jackson is upset, but he has a plan. He'll grow flowers to sell for money to buy a basketball. His friend Reuben agrees to help, but soon an angry Reuben is calling the garden a puddle of thorns. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1994.

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Called into night duty when Uncle Johnny suspects that someone or something is stealing his cattle, Hank the Cowdog is proud of his assignment. But poor Hank is slugged on the nose, eats poisoned weenies, and gets soaked when the tent collapses in the midst of a rainstorm. Then Hank is helped by Brewster, who scares no one but is big. Together they put an end to the "crinimal" behavior. For grades 3-6. 1992.

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The wife of cruel King Minos of Crete gives birth to the Minotaur, a monster with a human body and a bull's head. Minos's daughter, Ariadne, pities the poor creature until she learns that Minos feeds it human flesh. She falls in love with an intended victim of the Minotaur, Prince Theseus, helps him escape, and runs away with him, only to be abandoned. But Ariadne is strong and she finds even greater love with the god Dionysus. For grades 6-9. 1994.

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Simon and Alex are brothers who do everything together. Then one night Simon tells Alex that Simon's friend

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The annotated list in this issue is limited to titles recently added to the national collection, which contains thousands of fiction and nonfiction titles, including classics, biographies, gothics, mysteries, and how-to and self-help guides. These books will continue to be available from your cooperating library and will be listed again in *Braille Books 1995–1996*. To learn more about the wide range of books in the national collection, readers may order catalogs and subject bibliographies from cooperating libraries. Librarians can check other resources for titles and answer requests for special materials.

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# In Brief

## Advisory Group Representative Named

The May-June issue of *Braille Book Review* and *Talking Book Topics* contained names and addresses of representatives to NLS's National Advisory Group on Collection-Building Activities, which will meet September 18–20, 1996. You are invited to contact your committee representative with your ideas and suggestions about the NLS book collections.

The reader-at-large representative for the NLS Western Region, not available for publication in the May-June issue, has been announced. She is

Margaret Blomberg
514 Burleigh Avenue
Aberdeen, WA 98520-2625.

Ms. Blomberg represents readers from the following states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

## Annual Catalog Survey

Patrons will soon be able to select and order NLS catalogs and bibliographies that will be issued during 1997. A large-print order form will be mailed to patrons who subscribe to *Talking Book Topics* early this fall. Patrons who subscribe to *Braille Book Review* will receive a braille order form. The form will give patrons the opportunity to order upcoming publications, such as *Cassette Books 1996* and *Braille Books 1995–1996*. Catalogs and bibliographies ordered will be

sent directly to patrons when the publications are produced.

## Scourby Awards Announced

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) presented its tenth Alexander Scourby Narrator of the Year Awards to honor excellence in the talking-book narration. AFB awarded prizes to narrators for three categories: fiction, nonfiction, and children's literature.

The award-winning narrators are Chuck Benson, Talking Book Publishers, Inc., for fiction; Lou Harpenau, American Printing House for the Blind, for nonfiction; and Catherine Byers, AFB, for children's literature. The annual Scourby Award was established in 1986 in memory of the popular talking-book narrator who died in 1985.

## Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

**Resources from National Braille Press.** The 1996 *AT&T Area Code Handbook*, containing the area code listings by city and state, is available in two braille volumes or on computer diskette. National Braille Press offers either format for $4.95.

*A 1996 Blind Community E-mail Directory* listing almost six hundred e-mail addresses of blind individuals and blindness-related organizations is available in braille or computer diskette format for $9. For either of these directories, contact National Braille Press, 88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115, 800-548-7323, fax (617) 437-0456.

**Braille Books for Sale**. More than five hundred children's and young adult books in braille are available from the Braille Institute Braille Press. New favorites include *What's Cooking, Jenny Archer?* by Ellen Conford, $10; *Goblins in the Castle* by Bruce Coville, $30 (two volumes); and *Careers for Number Lovers Interviews* by Andrew Kaplan, $15. Contact Braille Institute, 741 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90029, (213) 663-1111, fax (213) 663-0867.

**Magazine for African Americans.** A bimonthly magazine for African Americans with visual impairments is available for $22 per year. *Invisible Sight*, compiled by Taletha M. Crawley, features political discussions, African American history, celebrity interviews, poetry, and more. Contact Avenues to Explore for the Blind, Inc., 3189 South Waring Street, Detroit, MI 48217-1042, (313) 382-7191.

**Cassette Magazines**. Recorded Periodicals has added five new cassette magazines to its recording service: *Civil War Times Illustrated*, *Harvard Women's Health Watch*, *Organic Gardening*, *Pennsylvania Magazine*, and *Taste of Home Cooking Magazine*. A free cassette or large-print catalog lists twenty-four magazines that are offered on a subscription basis for prices ranging from $22 to $57 a year. For more information, contact Recorded Periodicals,

Associated Services for the Blind, 919 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, telephone (215) 627-0600.

**Boxing tapes.** The Fight Tape Exchange offers more than one hundred boxing fights originally broadcast on radio sports programs. The collection includes cassette tapes of boxing classics from the 1930s and 1940s, as well as contemporary matches. Prices range from $8 to $12 per fight. For a free cassette or print listing, contact Fight Tape Exchange, 9822 West Morgan Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53228, telephone (414) 321-9555.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

**Note:** For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

## Nonfiction

**Martha Stewart's Menus for Entertaining BR 9602**

by Martha Stewart

2 volumes

Twenty menus, complete with recipes and suggestions for table settings and flower arrangements. Stewart provides ideas for treating one friend or a large number of guests, arranging casual get-togethers or formal holiday dinners, celebrating spring flowers or a special birthday, and enjoying the best food of the season always. 1994.

**A History of Western Philosophy BR 9766**

by Bertrand Russell

10 volumes

The author states that his purpose is to "exhibit philosophy as an integral part of social and political life." He includes general history when he deems it necessary for an understanding of "philosophers in relation to times that formed them and the times that they helped to form." This survey begins with the ancient Greeks and progresses to the twentieth-century philosophy of logical analysis. 1945.

**American Music Makers: An Introduction to American Composers BR 9980**

by Janet Nichols

2 volumes

Biographical sketches of ten composers born in the United States. Nichols describes their most important works, suggests recordings worth listening to, and explores what made their music important. One composer added Creole touches, one drew on the sounds of Tin Pan Alley, and one was first to use the synthesizer, but all produced distinctly American music. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1990.

**The Diabetic Woman BR 9982**

by Lois Jovanovic and others

2 volumes

Two of the women who collaborated on this book are diabetic, and one of these is also a mother and a physician specializing in diabetes. With a brief review of basic information, the authors establish a question-and-answer format with Dr. Jovanovic providing the responses. Topics of special interest to women are puberty, menstruation, pregnancy, and menopause. 1987.

**Women Music Makers: An Introduction to Women Composers BR 9986**

by Janet Nichols

2 volumes

Sketches the lives of ten women who

overcame discrimination in a field dominated by men. Beginning with a seventeenth-century composer, the author tells how women played instruments, sang, and wrote music, but few were paid for their work. Still, these women found a way to be heard, even if they had to publish under assumed names. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1992.

**Wilhelm Tell BR 9987**

by Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller

2 volumes

This classic in German literature, first published in 1805, became popular after Rossini used it as a libretto for an opera. The legend is based on the Swiss liberation movement. The hero is a quiet man who is respected for his ability with a bow and arrow by the more militant elements of the politically active rebels. 1972.

**Sex, Economy, Freedom, and Community: Eight Essays BR 10074**

by Wendell Berry

2 volumes

Berry, a Kentucky farmer and professor, prefaces this collection with a tongue-in-cheek look at ideas people are being sold in the areas of education, multiculturalism, government, economy, and food (a favorite). Scoffing at pretentious language (is he a gastroentero-environmentalist?) and unattainable plans, Berry calls for local affection, local gumption, and local buying power to care for local land. 1993.

**Mars and Venus in the Bedroom: A Guide to Lasting Romance and Passion BR 10089**

by John Gray

2 volumes

The author of *Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus (BR 9230)* offers suggestions to help couples communicate better in the bedroom and therefore keep sex alive in a monogamous relationship. He discusses what to say and do, what not to say and do, the mechanics of sex, and how to rekindle passion. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1995.

**Downsize Your Debt: How to Take Control of Your Personal Finances BR 10099**

by Andrew Feinberg

3 volumes

Intending to help financial novices and sophisticates alike, the author provides hundreds of ideas for saving money when incurring debt and points out costly mistakes to avoid. Topics include determining a safe level of debt, taking advantage of the prepayment option, negotiating the best deal, and avoiding "perma-debt." 1993.

**Light and Hearty: From Pad Thai to Cassoulet, Healthy Home-Style Recipes from around the World BR 10101**

by Jeanne Jones

2 volumes

In her column "Cooking Light," Jones provides recipes in which the fat and cholesterol have been reduced. Here she performs that trick on back-to-basics recipes from the United States and around the world. Dishes include olde English cottage pie, chicken calvados on cinnamon pasta, Tuscan oven-baked potatoes, and buckwheat blinis. 1994.

**Herman Melville BR 10112**
by Rebecca Stefoff
1 volume
This biography opens with an account of how Melville and his mate jumped ship in the South Seas and found themselves on an island thought to be inhabited by cannibals. Real-life adventures like this often found their way into the nineteenth-century novelist's books, such as *Moby-Dick (BR 1608)* and *Billy Budd (BR 3614)*. Gives brief descriptions of all Melville's novels. For high school and older readers. 1994.

**The Diary of a Young Girl: The Definitive Edition BR 10113**
by Anne Frank
3 volumes
This notebook kept by a German-born Jewish girl includes material that was omitted from the first edition in 1947. Begun on her thirteenth birthday, the diary is a personal, sometimes humorous, account of years spent with her family in a Dutch attic hiding from the Nazis. After Anne heard a radio appeal about the importance of such papers, she expanded the scope of her entries. For high school and older readers. 1995.

**Every Shut Eye Ain't Asleep: An Anthology of Poetry by African Americans since 1945 BR 10135**
edited by Michael S. Harper and Anthony Walton
3 volumes
This anthology presents African American poets whose works are "ethnically unidentifiable" as well as those whose poems are "identifiably black." A profile introduces each poet. Some poets are represented by a single poem, others by a generous sampling. All the poets were born between between 1913 and 1962, and all have published at least one book. 1994.

**Phenomenal Woman BR 10183**
by Maya Angelou
1 volume
The author of the poem read at President Clinton's inauguration, *On the Pulse of the Morning (BR 9188)*, presents four poems that celebrate women: "Phenomenal Woman," "Still I Rise," "Weekend Glory," and "Our Grandmothers." Bestseller 1994.

**Revised Standards and Guidelines of Service for the Library of Congress Network of Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped BR 10184**
by Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies
1 volume
A document developed to improve library services for blind and physically disabled persons by providing a tool for assessing the current status of those services and for developing long-range plans. 1995.

**I Want More of Everything BR 10200**
by Eda LeShan
2 volumes
This collection of seventy-seven essays, drawn for the most part from LeShan's weekly column in *Newsday*, contains her thoughts on growing old. She writes about needing afternoon naps, taking risks, creating a family, feeling passion, rewriting the address book, letting go of the past, making brave decisions, and retiring. 1994.

**Earthly Measures: Poems BR 10201**
by Edward Hirsch
1 volume
Poems that relate to the natural face of the earth in places as far apart as factory towns in Ohio ("In the Midwest")

and sacred monuments in Italy ("Roman Fall"). Hirsch also muses on ancient Greek gods in a contemporary setting ("Orpheus: The Descent") and a single female tourist adjusting to the strangeness of a tropical island ("Traveler"). 1994.

**When Love Dies: The Process of Marital Disaffection BR 10203**

by Karen Kayser
2 volumes
To write about the process of falling out of love in a marriage (disaffection), marital therapist Kayser completed in-depth interviews with spouses who no longer loved their partner and surveyed spouses experiencing varying degrees of marital love and disaffection. The author uses the responses to illustrate the phases and warning signs of disaffection. She also discusses how to restore love. 1993.

**Hearing Us Out: Voices from the Gay and Lesbian Community BR 10222**

by Roger Sutton
1 volume
In their own words, gays and lesbians tell what being homosexual means to them. Giving their stories are a policewoman, a minister, gay activists, teenagers, a drag queen, and others. They discuss issues such as the reactions of their families, friends, and co-workers to their "coming out"; AIDS; the military; and gay parenting. Some strong language. For high school and older readers. 1994.

**Tapping the Charcoal BR 10241**

edited by Kenneth Jernigan
1 volume
Eight personal accounts by Kenneth Jernigan and other members of the National Federation of the Blind that demonstrate "Blindness is not as strange as you think it is, and it need not be as terrifying." In this volume of the Kernel Book series, authors discuss alternative ways of doing routine tasks and achieving dreams, the need for normal discipline for blind children, and the process of gaining the respect of others. 1995.

**Lost in Yonkers BR 10242**

by Neil Simon
1 volume
Play set in New York, 1942. After their mother's death, Arty and Jay are visiting their stern grandmother. When their father finishes a private talk with his mother, the boys are shocked to learn he wants them to stay there while he takes a traveling job. Grandmother agrees with the boys that it would be a very bad idea. But childlike Aunt Bella surprises everyone by insisting they remain. For high school and older readers. Pulitzer Prize. 1991.

**The Tribe of Tiger: Cats and Their Culture BR 10257**

by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas
2 volumes
Author of *The Hidden Life of Dogs (BR 9410)* turns to the thirty-five different species of cats. She explains the evolution of cats (they come from the mongoose tribe) and discusses their behavior and their carnivorous diet ("meat-eating alone accounts for a cat's sense of fun, of play"). Pumas, tigers, house cats, and others are observed in a variety of urban environments. Best-seller 1994.

**Math, a Four Letter Word: The Math Anxiety Handbook BR 10260**
by Angela Sembera and Michael Hovis
1 volume
A guide for students, teachers, and parents who hate or fear math. The authors draw on their teaching experience for this discussion of feelings about math anxiety, the relationship between math and other aspects of everyday life, math's role in teaching one how to think, the myth that math is impossible, and what math success can do for self-esteem. 1990.

**Diabetes and Pregnancy: What to Expect BR 10265**
by American Diabetes Association
1 volume
Insulin-dependent diabetics face an increased risk of giving birth to overweight, jaundiced, or stillborn babies. The ADA offers guidelines on maintaining tight blood-glucose control to avoid these problems. It recommends beginning this regimen before conception and continuing it throughout the pregnancy, using a team approach to medical care, and exercising regularly. Describes possible procedures. 1992.

# Fiction

**Ghosts BR 9961**
by Noel Hynd
4 volumes
Actress Annette Carlson has moved to Nantucket Island to be alone. But she is awakened one night by a transparent woman in white who warns her that everyone on the island is in danger. Then an evil-looking shape slithers into her cellar. Detective Brooks, an adamant nonbeliever in ghosts, changes his mind quickly as he witnesses the cruel actions of whatever is haunting the island. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

**She BR 9971**
by H. Rider Haggard
3 volumes
An Englishman journeys to Africa to track down the evil queen who, according to an ancient manuscript, murdered one of his ancestors. In the jungle he meets with the beautiful, ageless white goddess, "She," who falls in love with him and shares the secret of the Pillar of Life. Some violence. 1887.

**Casino Moon BR 9975**
by Peter Blauner
3 volumes
After college, Anthony Russo knows more than ever that he doesn't want to follow his stepfather Vin's footsteps into the mob. But Anthony's construction business is failing; he's unhappily married to the niece of Vin's boss, Teddy; and Teddy is calling his loans in. Vin tries to get Anthony "made" by crediting him with a murder, while Anthony grasps at a long-shot money venture and falls in love. Strong language, violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Home and Away BR 9985**
by Joanne Meschery
3 volumes
While her ski-champion husband is (as usual) off trying to set another world record, California border inspector Hedy Gallagher Castle struggles with changes in her life and in the world. A new sportswriter insists he's in love with her, her minister father is trying to recover from a stroke, her daughter has been moved up to the varsity basketball

team, Operation Desert Storm begins, and the religious right seems to be taking over. Some strong language. 1994.

**Time and Time Again BR 9990**
by Dennis Danvers
3 volumes
Novelist Marion Mead finds a 1769 newspaper ad by a man whose wife, Susanna, ran away with a convict. Requesting history on the family, Marion discovers Raymond Lord, who owns the journal of Susanna's descendant, Pearl. As Marion's novel about Susanna almost writes itself, she finds odd coincidences between it and both Pearl's writing and her own growing relationship with Raymond. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Why Sarah Ran Away with the Veterinarian BR 10068**
by Liz Newall
2 volumes
A year after forty-year-old Sarah leaves her husband of twenty years for her horse's veterinarian, she and her family separately discuss the subject. Because her mother is dying, Sarah has returned home to her husband. She is pregnant after many miscarriages, and her husband believes the baby is his, despite his vasectomy. And Sarah's aunt reveals family history that sheds light on Sarah's adventure. Some strong language. 1994.

**Dancer with Bruised Knees BR 10075**
by Lynne McFall
2 volumes
After Jake leaves Sarah, his new lover takes Sarah's eye out with a pool cue. Sarah then loses her typing job because she won't wear a patch. Her sadistic brother Morgan is accused of murdering his ex-wife. Her agoraphobic mother kicks out her alcoholic father for believing Morgan did it. Sarah's ex-husband wants her back, and her therapist diagnoses her as manic-depressive and prescribes a cure. Strong language and some violence. 1994.

**The Weekend BR 10076**
by Peter Cameron
2 volumes
Fortyish art critic Lyle is taking his new lover, Robert, to visit friends Marian and John in the country for the weekend. On the train, Lyle explains that a year ago his lover Tony, who was John's half brother, died at this house. Meanwhile, Marian is puzzled that Lyle would bring a guest on this anniversary, and another weekend guest must justify her plans when her daughter unexpectedly pays her a visit. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

**A Stranger in This World BR 10078**
by Kevin Canty
2 volumes
Ten stories, set in the South or the West, each dealing with an unfortunate situation or a destructive person. The first story depicts the agony of a teenaged boy who attempts to care for alcoholic parents but wonders about his own needs. And in the title story, a young woman imagines that she sees her dead husband when she meets the brother of her boyfriend. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Love and Sleep BR 10083**
by John Crowley
1 volume
Pierce Moffett delves deeper into Renaissance metaphysics in an attempt to come to grips with the modern world where he has always felt out of place.

Memories of his childhood, coupled with his studies of Renaissance mystics, now seem to reach out of the past, intertwining with his present, and he perceives that he is on the threshold of a magical change in his life, and perhaps in the universe itself. Sequel to *Aegypt (BR 9605)*. 1994.

**Tunnel of Love BR 10084**
by Hilma Wolitzer
3 volumes
In this sequel to *Hearts (BR 4651)*, Linda Reismann—twenty-seven, newly widowed, and pregnant—and Robin, her thirteen-year-old stepdaughter, have just arrived in Los Angeles. They hope to begin a new life and establish a less volatile relationship. But fate has more trouble in store for both—robbery, murder, a car accident, and a custody battle. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Wings BR 10092**
by Danielle Steel
3 volumes
As a child, Cassie O'Malley knew that she wanted to be a pilot like her father. He refused to instruct her, so she got family friend and ace pilot Nick Galvin to give her lessons. Cassie becomes an outstanding pilot who enjoys participating in air shows. Desmond Williams sees her at one and offers her a job. Cassie accepts and becomes involved in an adventure bigger than she dreamed of. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1994.

**California Angel BR 10106**
by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg
2 volumes
Toy Johnson's husband is annoyed when she gives money to her needy students. What is this compulsion to help children that drives Toy time after time? And how are her efforts to help children related to her dreams and to her recurring cardiac episodes? While on a trip to New York with a friend, she has an attack and finds herself saving a child from a burning building. Then she is arrested for kidnapping. Bestseller 1995.

**Noblesse Oblige BR 10107**
by Helen Argers
3 volumes
Caroline Richmond has only one chance at a London season, and it appears she will be successful. Caroline has captured the attention of one of London's most eligible bachelors, Branville, the marquis of Kimston. But as the season draws to an end, the marquis has not offered for her, and Caroline returns home in disgrace. Then her father arranges for her to marry the marquis's father. 1994.

**What's Wrong with America BR 10109**
by Scott Bradfield
2 volumes
Emma O'Hallahan begins a journal to explain to her relatives and assorted genetic riff-raff why she shot her husband, Marvin, and buried him in the back yard. During the writing, flustered by a little too much brandy and the constant appearances of her annoying husband's ghost, Emma discovers she has also buried a nosy neighbor. When she finds a third grave, she fears she has gone too far. Strong language. 1994.

**The Return of Simple BR 10110**
by Langston Hughes
2 volumes
Stories featuring the fictional character Jesse B. Semple, or Simple, drawn from Hughes's previous collections of news-

paper columns and from his weekly column in the *Chicago Defender*. Perched on his Harlem barstool, Simple muses with Boyd, his longtime companion, on topics including the women in his life, wages and prices, racism, politics, birth control, Africa, and black pride. 1994.

**Suspended Animation: A Gil Beckman Mystery BR 10117**

by W.E. Davis
2 volumes
Gil Beckman quit his job with the police force to start a mail-order business. To make ends meet, Gil works nights as a security guard at a large California amusement park. When he discovers that one of the mannequins is actually the body of young park employee Everett Curran, a Christian like himself, Gil uses his police training to do some sleuthing. 1994.

**Good Bones and Simple Murders BR 10119**

by Margaret Atwood
1 volume
Three dozen sketches that grin and sneer at taking life too seriously. "Good Bones" muses on the attention paid to the skeletal frame when it is what makes bones "bad" that is of interest. In "Gertrude Talks Back," Hamlet's mother delivers a monologue to her priggish son. And "Let Us Now Praise Stupid Women" is one of several pieces with a feminist view on the role of women in literature. Some strong language. 1994.

**Murder and a Muse BR 10121**

by Gillian B. Farrell
2 volumes
Actress Annie McGrogan works as a private investigator between auditions until she lands a role in Alan DeLucca's movie. McGrogan is attracted to the married director and spends time alone with him on location. When DeLucca's family shows up, DeLucca is found dead before he can smooth things out. McGrogan reluctantly reverts to her role as detective when she learns she is the prime suspect. Strong language. 1994.

**Redemption BR 10148**

by Leon Uris
6 volumes
In this sequel to *Trinity (BRA 14326, BRA 15339)*, Uris continues his account of the Larkins, the Hubbles, and the Fitzpatricks. Liam Larkin settles in New Zealand and begins a family, while his brother Conor remains behind to fight for Irish freedom. Liam's son Rory follows in his uncle's footsteps, returning to Ireland with a mission of vengeance. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1995.

**Edsel: A Novel of Detroit BR 10156**

by Loren D. Estleman
2 volumes
Estleman's fourth Detroit novel, following *King of the Corner (BR 9357)*, is set in the 1950s. Former newspaperman Connie Minor now works in advertising and has been asked to secretly create an ad campaign for the new Edsel car. But Minor runs into problems when some people, especially the UAW leader, begin to think Minor is a spy for management or the competition. Strong language and some violence. 1995.

**Street BR 10158**

by Jack Cady
2 volumes
An actor, a vet called Symptomatic Nerve Gas, a former nun called Silk, a black poet named Elgin, and Hal, who

acts like a medieval knight, are homeless regulars at a boarded-up Seattle church, the Sanctuary. A serial killer has taken someone they know from the street, and now a neighbor's daughter is missing. The unlikely group set out to trap the person they come to think of as an inhuman demon. Some strong language and some violence. 1994.

**"L" Is for Lawless BR 10162**
by Sue Grafton
3 volumes
Following *"K" Is for Killer (BR 9880)*, P.I. Kinsey Millhone has a week off to help with the wedding of her landlord Henry's elderly brother. But Henry has another favor to ask. Neighbor Johnny Lee has passed away, and his relatives are trying to get the army to pay for the funeral, but the army has no record of Mr. Lee. The case takes Kinsey on a cross-country chase for a hidden treasure. Some strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1995.

**Beauty from Ashes BR 10167**
by Eugenia Price
5 volumes
St. Simons Island, Georgia, 1845. Anne Couper Fraser has had to face the death of her parents, her beloved husband John, and a daughter. Now she must face the loss of her much loved plantation on St. Simons Island. With the rest of her children, Anne moves to Marietta, Georgia, and begins to put her life back together—until war clouds begin to hover over her and the South. Sequel to *Where Shadows Go (BR 9375)*. 1995.

**It Is Not Now: Tales of Maine BR 10168**
by John Gould
2 volumes
Yarns about everyday small-town life with a regional accent. Octogenarian Gould, former columnist for the *Christian Science Monitor*, recalls days when "eyah" closed a deal. He can get into arguments over why anybody would need to replace permanent antifreeze, and he is pleased when a youngster expresses interest in a sled Gould is fixing, until the boy announces, "We can use my father's snowmobile to pull it back uphill!" 1993.

**You Belong to Me BR 10169**
by Johanna Lindsey
2 volumes
Sequel to *Once a Princess (BR 8620)*. Count Vasili Petroff is surprised to learn that he, like his cousin, Stefan Barony, has been betrothed to someone. Supposedly Vasili's father, dead for fourteen years, made a secret agreement with Baron Constantin Rubliov for their children to marry. Both the count and the blunt, unconventional Alexandra are appalled. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1994.

**Dreamboat BR 10170**
by Doug J. Swanson
2 volumes
Private investigator Jack Flippo has come to Baggett County, Texas, to uncover the real cause behind the death of Mingo Gideon. Apparently Mingo and Rex Echols, his partner in the Melon Patch Ranch Bar, were out on Lake Dolph Briscoe when Mingo fell out of the boat and drowned. But is that what really happened? After all, Rex had just taken out a large insurance policy on Mingo. Some strong language. 1995.

**The Piano Tuner: Stories BR 10202**
by Peter Meinke
2 volumes
The stories in this collection are a mixture of surprises in both familiar surroundings and in foreign, but predictable, circumstances. In the title story, an ignorant bully holds an educated man hostage in his own home. In "The Twisted River," an American professor on leave attempts to sabotage the careers of two Polish university faculty members. Some strong language. Won Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction. 1986.

**Nightfather BR 10204**
by Carl Friedman
1 volume
A young girl explains how her father always talks to his children about the horrors of his Holocaust experience. She says he "has camp" and his eyes look like the wolf's at the zoo, who must "have camp," too. She wants to be invisible when she grows up so the SS won't find her. Meanwhile, one brother carries toothpaste like the prisoners did for thirst, and another tries to freeze his feet in the refrigerator. Strong language and violence. 1994.

**God's Country BR 10206**
by Percival Everett
2 volumes
When Curt Marder sees a gang of men burning down his house and barn, killing his dog, and kidnapping his wife, he has half a mind to ride up to them and say something, but doesn't. Later, he decides to hire black tracker Bubba to help find his wife. The men are joined by young Jake, who claims the same gang killed his parents. The three get in a heap of trouble. Strong language and violence. 1994.

**Laughing Gas BR 10210**
by P.G. Wodehouse
2 volumes
Reginald, the third earl of Havershot, goes to Hollywood to prevent the ill-contemplated marriage of his cousin Egremont. The earl encounters even greater difficulties when he accidentally ends up changing places—and bodies—with a famous, but spoiled, child movie star. 1936.

**The Fifth of March: A Story of the Boston Massacre BR 10211**
by Ann Rinaldi
2 volumes
Rachel Marsh is an indentured nursemaid for the children of John and Abigail Adams. Her friend Jane urges her to consider her future and side with the rebelling colonists, but like the Adamses, Rachel can't condone their gang-like activities. Although Rachel doesn't like the attitude of the newly arrived British troops either, she soon makes friends with a lonely British soldier. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

**City of Widows BR 10212**
by Loren D. Estleman
2 volumes
Page Murdock is tired of being involved with the law in Montana and is moving to New Mexico where he has bought part interest in a saloon, the Apache Princess. Montana judge Harlan Blackthorne suggests that Murdock get a letter of reference from New Mexico's governor to pave the way with Sheriff Baronet. But there is an ulterior motive behind Blackthorne's suggestion to befriend Baronet. Strong language. 1994.

**Gypsy Davey BR 10213**
by Chris Lynch
1 volume
Davey was raised by his sister Joanne while their mother was out having a good time. Now Davey is twelve and his sister is seventeen, with a baby. Davey is oddly quiet, although inside his head he's talking constantly. But there's another side to Davey that works perfectly in rhythm on his bike and that cares for his nephew like "nobody ever loved babies before." Strong language and some violence. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1994.

**Kid's Stuff BR 10214**
by Susan B. Kelly
2 volumes
After Detective Chief Inspector Nick Trevellyan arrests Arturo Bottone for selling child pornography, he's frustrated to find no clues leading to Bottone's other clients or the photographer of the pornography. Meanwhile Bottone's estranged wife is coping admirably with the fact that Bottone hanged himself after the arrest, but the harassed wife of Bottone's arrested client is not doing as well. Strong language. 1994.

**Deep Sleep BR 10215**
by Frances Fyfield
1 volume
Just when pharmacist Pip Carlton tires of his annoying wife, she dies in her sleep. This leaves him free to pursue his voluptuous assistant, Kim Perry. But Kim's ex-husband, Duncan, a detective constable, is still furtively watching Kim's movements. And, though recovering from surgery, prosecutor Helen West, who previously appeared in *Question of Guilt (BR 9721)*, has questions about Mrs. Carlton's death. Strong language and violence. 1991.

**Turtle Baby BR 10216**
by Abigail Padgett
2 volumes
In this sequel to *Strawgirl (BR 9681)*, child-abuse investigator Bo Bradley offers to help out her ill, Spanish-speaking colleague by looking into the case of a poisoned Mayan infant, Acito. Acito stays with caretakers in San Diego County, while his mother, a singer called Chac, is living in Tijuana until her American recording contract comes through. Chac's love for Acito is fierce, but she's hiding something. Some strong language. 1995.

**Split-Levels BR 10217**
by Thomas Rayfiel
2 volumes
When David Stanley is found dead in the bathtub of his suburban house, his son Allen returns for the first time in thirteen years. Allen's mother is dead, and his teenaged sister disappeared long ago without a trace. Now, as the investigation shifts from suicide to murder, Allen has disturbing dreams and becomes a suspect, local women attempt to seduce him, and nasty rumors circulate about his father. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

**To Play the Fool BR 10220**
by Laurie R. King
2 volumes
Three weeks after the homeless residents of San Francisco's Golden Gate Park cremated a dog named Theophilus, they gather wood for the pyre of the dog's master, John. Both were murdered. Policewoman Kate Martinelli and her partner, Al Hawkin, intervene.

Kate attempts to interview the group's leader, Brother Erasmus. But he speaks only in quotations, making her inquiry difficult. Sequel to *A Grave Talent (BR 9843)*. Some strong language. 1995.

**Thwonk BR 10227**
by Joan Bauer
2 volumes
High school senior A.J. McCreary has a lot of problems. After four failed relationships, she now has a crush on unattainable Peter Terris, her father forbids her to pursue a career as a photographer, and she is running out of time to take a perfect photo for the Valentine issue of the school paper. Then A.J. receives a visit from a tiny, irritating cupid complete with arrows that go "thwonk." For junior and senior high and older readers. 1995.

**The Burning Time BR 10229**
by Carol Matas
1 volume
Set in seventeenth-century France. Fifteen-year-old Rose and her mother are stunned when Rose's father, Philippe Rives, is killed in a riding accident. And soon after the accident, Madame Rives, a midwife and a healer, is accused of being a witch. Rose, too, is a suspect, but she manages to escape. Soon a simple country life becomes a fight for survival. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1994.

**A Cup of Christmas Tea BR 10231**
by Tom Hegg
1 volume
Shortly before Christmas a young man receives a letter from a great-aunt asking that he stop in for a cup of Christmas tea. Although he doesn't want to replace his childhood memories of her with what she might be like now, he reluctantly accepts. For senior high and older readers. 1982.

**Cured by Fire BR 10258**
by Tim McLaurin
2 volumes
Elbridge Snipes and Lewis Calhoon live in a homeless shelter in Seattle, Washington. Similarities in their backgrounds have brought them together, although each made his way here by a different route. Each has lost his entire family, and now Elbridge is dying. On the night Elbridge knows he will die, Lewis takes him to the top of a nearby hill where they reminisce about their lives and how they came to be together. Some strong language. 1995.

**A Feather on the Breath of God BR 10259**
by Sigrid Nunez
2 volumes
The narrator of this tale is the youngest daughter of mismatched parents. Her half-Chinese, half-Panamanian father is silent, withdrawn, and a former workaholic who married her mother, a German, during World War II. They live in the projects of New York, where her mother tries to make the best of things. The narrator also attempts to make the best of her life by studying ballet, but even these plans seem doomed when she falls for an immigrant. 1995.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Nonfiction

**How Come? BR 10137**
by Kathy Wollard
3 volumes
Based on a weekly newspaper science column in which the author responds to questions submitted by children. Now reorganized by general topics, such as the weather, the solar system, space, and the planets, the answers sometimes deal with facts or sometimes prove that many things in life remain a mystery. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1993.

**The West Indian-American Experience BR 10155**
by Warren J. Halliburton
1 volume
The term *West Indian* usually refers to people from the English-speaking Caribbean. This book explains West Indian history, recounting how European settlers wiped out the original Caribbean inhabitants and how modern West Indians descended from Africans brought over as slaves. Economic factors have caused many West Indians to emigrate to the United States even though they have been appalled by U.S. racism. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1994.

**The World in 1492 BR 10159**
by Jean Fritz and others
2 volumes
An introduction to the history, accomplishments, customs, and beliefs of people living in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, Oceania, and the Americas at the time Columbus discovered the new world. Includes accounts of African doctors who routinely removed cataracts from the human eye and of an Italian artist and inventor who sketched his idea for a flying machine. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1992.

**While Standing on One Foot: Puzzle Stories and Wisdom Tales from the Jewish Tradition BR 10175**
by Nina Jaffe and Steve Zeitlin
1 volume
Collection of folktales from many eras of Jewish history. The wise Jewish people in these stories have to think up clever ways of resolving difficult predicaments without using violence. In each story, the reader is also asked to try to solve the problem. For grades 4-7. 1993.

**Taking Hold: My Journey into Blindness BR 10223**
by Sally Hobart Alexander
1 volume
Sally Hobart was twenty-four when she began to lose her sight. At first she saw a thin black line that disappeared after a few minutes. But the line returned, and Sally realized after visits to many specialists that she would soon be totally blind. She tells of her frustrations, the loss of her fiancé, the support of family and friends, and the help she got

in adjusting to her new world. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1994.

**Black Ships before Troy: The Story of *The Iliad* BR 10228**
by Rosemary Sutcliff
1 volume
A retelling of the Greek myth. Traces the story of the Trojan War, beginning with the quarrel of three goddesses over a golden apple. When Trojan prince Paris persuades the beautiful Helen of Troy to leave her baby and husband to become his wife, her husband pursues her, others take sides, and the war begins. Fighting continues until Troy is destroyed and Paris earns a tragic reward. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1993.

**Animals Who Have Won Our Hearts BR 10244**
by Jean Craighead George
1 volume
Ten true tales of intelligent and brave animals. Blind Tom was a horse who helped build the transcontinental railroad in the 1860s. Half-wolf, half-malamute sled dog Balto delivered antitoxin to stop diphtheria in Alaska in 1925. Gorilla Koko learned sign language and communicates with humans. Since 1871, Pennsylvanians have been naming groundhogs Punxsutawney Phil and relying on them to predict the coming of spring. For grades 3-6. 1994.

# Fiction

**Smoky Night BR 9937**
by Eve Bunting
1 volume
Daniel holds his cat, Jasmine, and watches with his mother at their window as riots take place in the street below. Soon Daniel and his mother are forced to leave their home and take refuge at a shelter. But where is Jasmine? PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1994 Caldecott Medal winner. 1994.

**Arthur's Family Vacation BR 9940**
by Marc Brown
1 volume
School is out for the summer, and this year Arthur and his family are going to the beach for a week. Arthur would much rather go to Camp Meadowcroak with his best friend, Buster, than spend a week with his sister, D.W., at the beach. But when they get to the beach, Arthur is surprised by all the things he finds to do, even when it rains. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1993.

**Alvah and Arvilla BR 9941**
by Mary Lyn Ray
1 volume
Since Arvilla married Alvah thirty-one years ago, she hasn't left their farm for more than a day because the animals need feeding and milking. Arvilla wants to see the Pacific Ocean so much that she invents a way to take the animals along. She has Alvah build a glass building on wheels, like the arboretum she saw for plants. Then they load up their animals, food, and a bed and head across the country toward the ocean. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1994.

**Arthur's Birthday BR 9949**
by Marc Brown
1 volume
Arthur's birthday is on Saturday, and one morning at school he hands out invitations to all his friends. Muffy is also handing out invitations for her birthday party. Everyone plans to go to both par-

ties—until they realize both parties are on the same day. Now what will they do? PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1989.

**Arthur's First Sleepover BR 10004**
by Marc Brown
1 volume
Arthur is very excited. This Saturday, he is having two friends, Buster and the Brain, over to spend the night in a tent in the backyard. Arthur's little sister, D.W., warns him that spaceships have been spotted in the area. Arthur and his friends make signs to welcome the aliens, but that night the boys are so busy playing, they forget all about aliens until a bright light appears. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1994.

**Arthur's Chicken Pox BR 10005**
by Marc Brown
1 volume
Arthur is at school and becoming very excited about going to the circus when he begins to feel sick. The next day he breaks out in red spots. He gets lots of special attention, although his little sister also teases him and gives away his circus ticket. But when circus day comes, Arthur has the last laugh. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1994.

**Out of Nowhere BR 10077**
by Ouida Sebestyen
1 volume
Thirteen-year-old Harley Nunn is traveling with his mother and a man who promises her work in his Houston club. When the man realizes Harley's mother tricked him into taking Harley, Harley is left at an Arizona rest stop. With him is an abandoned dog and seventyish May, whose husband just left her. The three travel to May's girlhood home, only to find it occupied by other misfits. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**Going the Distance BR 10114**
by Mary Jane Miller
1 volume
Loren Monroe is looking forward to starting school with her new Florida friends when she learns her artistic parents are uprooting her once again. This time Loren will stay with her grandmother in Illinois while her parents go to Italy. Luckily there are twins next door to make friends with, and Loren joins the swimming team at her new junior high. Then she learns what her parents have in store for her next. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1994.

**Julie BR 10116**
by Jean Craighead George
1 volume
In this sequel to *Julie of the Wolves (BR 8738)*, Julie returns home to Alaska. At first she resents her father, Kapugen, for killing the wolf who saved her life and for marrying a non-Eskimo woman, but she learns to respect him as an honorable man who has the best interests of his village at heart. Julie looks for ways to help the wolves survive and in time develops an interest of her own in a young Siberian Eskimo. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**Dwarf Nose BR 10154**
by Wilhelm Hauff
1 volume
Jacob, the thirteen-year-old son of a cobbler, helps his mother sell fruits and vegetables at the market. One day an old, odd woman comes up to their stand and insults their produce. Angry, Jacob scolds her and makes fun of the way she looks. The old woman tells

Jacob that now he, too, will look strange. For grades 3-6. 1993.

**The Golly Sisters Go West BR 10157**
by Betsy Byars
1 volume
May-May and Rose Golly know their songs and dances and are all set to head west when their horse refuses to go. Once they learn the right words, they're off. But the two sisters still run into trouble because they get mad at each other over who starts the show and who will wear the blue dress. They get lost and sometimes they're afraid, but when they stop fussing, they have one adventure after another. For grades K-3. 1985.

**Mouse Tales BR 10172**
by Arnold Lobel
1 volume
Once the mouse boys are all tucked into bed, they beg Papa for a bedtime story. Papa puts his sons to sleep by telling, not just one funny story, but seven—one for each of his boys. For grades K-3. 1972.

**Live from the Fifth Grade BR 10173**
by Colleen O'Shaughnessy McKenna
1 volume
Roger Friday is the class clown at Sacred Heart Elementary School, and the target of most of his jokes is classmate Marsha Cessano, because she's so easy to tease. But having a sense of humor can be a curse, and a dead-snake prank lands Roger in after-school detention helping the kindly janitor. When the school laser printer is stolen, Marsha volunteers to help Roger find the thief to clear the janitor's name. For grades 3-6. 1994.

**Cat Running BR 10174**
by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
1 volume
Last year Cat Kinsey was the fastest runner in her school, and she hopes to be again this year. But when her father refuses to let her wear slacks to race in, even though girls are wearing them in the 1930s, Cat decides not to race at all. Some of her friends think she is afraid to race against Zane Perkins, who lives in a nearby dust-bowl camp. But one stormy night both Cat and Zane find themselves in a race to save a life. For grades 3-6. 1994.

**A Llama in the Family BR 10176**
by Johanna Hurwitz
1 volume
When Adam's mother tells him there will be a surprise waiting after school, he is sure he's getting a mountain bike. Instead, he finds a strange animal in his yard. His mother has bought a llama to start a hiking business. The llama's name is Ethan Allen, and at first he doesn't do anything except hum and spit. But as Adam and Ethan Allen become close friends, Adam realizes there is something the llama needs more than Adam needs a bike. For grades 2-4. 1994.

**A Place to Belong BR 10177**
by Emily Crofford
1 volume
When the bank forecloses on his tobacco farm in Wild Hog Holler in Tennessee, Talmadge McLinn's father decides to move his family out of state. They eventually end up on a plantation in Arkansas. Although Talmadge's accent, clothes, and misshapen foot draw teasing from his new classmates, he se-

cretly hopes that the family can make this their home. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**Alan and Naomi BR 10178**
by Myron Levoy
1 volume
When Naomi moves in upstairs, Alan Silverman's parents ask him to make friends with her. Alan is afraid that the neighborhood boys will make fun of him more than ever and he'll lose his one pal, Shaun. But Naomi does need a friend. Three years ago, she watched Nazis kill her French father, and she has been in a terrified daze ever since. Alan decides to try to help Naomi without letting Shaun know. Strong language. For grades 6-9. 1977.

**Juliet's Story BR 10191**
by William Trevor
1 volume
Juliet's favorite thing to do in Tipperary is to listen to Paddy Old's stories. When he dies, Juliet is so sad and depressed that her parents plan a surprise for her birthday. Grandmamma comes to take Juliet on a long trip. Juliet is surprised to discover that Grandmamma also tells stories—ones that Juliet feels a part of. But best of all, Juliet gets a chance to experience her own stories. For grades 4-7. 1991.

**Make a Wish, Molly BR 10194**
by Barbara Cohen
1 volume
Molly is still adjusting to life in America when she learns about the custom of celebrating birthdays. But her first invitation to a birthday party comes during Passover, and Molly can't eat any of the beautiful cake. Embarrassed and unhappy, Molly feels left out until her own birthday produces several surprises. Sequel to *Molly's Pilgrim (BR 5741)*. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1994.

**The Toilet Paper Tigers BR 10198**
by Gordon Korman
1 volume
By the time Professor Pendergast shows up at a Little League meeting to pick his team, there are only nine players left—all rejects. The team soon learns the professor knows nothing about baseball and has volunteered to coach just so his visiting granddaughter will have children around! But the worst horror is the jive-talking, smart-aleck granddaughter from New York who blackmails the team into letting her coach them. For grades 5-8. 1993.

**Sparrow Hawk Red BR 10199**
by Ben Mikaelsen
1 volume
Ricky Diaz, thirteen, lives on an Arizona ranch, where his father, Benito, is teaching him to fly a plane. Benito worked for the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) until Ricky's mom died in a car crash three years earlier. Listening in on visiting DEA agents, Ricky is shocked to hear that his father blames a Mexican drug cartel for his mother's death. Benito won't take a new assignment to steal back a DEA plane, but Ricky wants revenge! For grades 5-8. 1993.

**Wrapped in a Riddle BR 10205**
by Sharon E. Heisel
1 volume
While her biologist parents are off on a research trip, Miranda is staying with her grandmother (GrandAnn) in her bed-and-breakfast inn. GrandAnn likes riddles and Mark Twain; the rooms in her inn are named after his characters. Before long, Miranda and her new

school friends have a real-life riddle to solve. Who bopped the inn's housekeeper on the head and stole letters written by Mark Twain? For grades 4-7. 1993.

**Nora: Maybe a Ghost Story BR 10209**
by Constance C. Greene
1 volume
Nora is turning thirteen and her sister Patsy is twelve, but Patsy looks older. Their mother died three years ago of breast cancer, and now their father is planning to marry a woman that neither sister likes. Nora is also upset at the way Patsy assumes the new cute boy in school will like her better than Nora. But Nora finds comfort from a surprising source: she keeps feeling her mother nearby. Some strong language. For grades 6-9. 1993.

**The Guardians BR 10221**
by John Christopher
1 volume
England in 2052 is a divided nation. Recently orphaned thirteen-year-old Rob Randall, who lives in the Conurb, has been sent to a boarding school. Rob finds the technological community oppressive and makes his escape into the County, where life seems more serene. But the County society, ruled by the "Guardians," is even more tyrannical. For grades 6-9. 1970.

**Nasty, Stinky Sneakers BR 10226**
by Eve Bunting
1 volume
The Slam Dunkers sneakers company is having a contest, and the person with the stinkiest sneakers wins three pairs of its popular brand. Ten-year-old Colin knows he has a great chance of winning. After careful handling, his sneakers are now so foul his mother makes him leave them in the hall outside their apartment door. Then, the day before the contest, someone steals Colin's shoes! For grades 4-7. 1994.

# Handcopied Braille–Other Agencies

The following books have been hand transcribed for the library indicated with each entry and are available from that library for circulation throughout the country. Please write or call directly to the library indicated.

**LLB**
Lutheran Library for the Blind
1133 South Kirkwood Road
St. Louis, MO 63122
314-965-9000, 800-433-3954

## Adult Nonfiction

**Saturday Morning Mind Control LLB**
by Phil Phillips
5 volumes
Describes the effect of television on children's minds and points out the conflict between biblical and societal values.

## Adult Fiction

**Guilt by Association: A Danielle Ross Mystery LLB**
by Gilbert Morris
5 volumes
Danielle Ross is a CPA turned theology student. She returns home to take over her father's private investigation firm after he has a serious heart attack. Dani's faith is tested when she and twelve others are threatened by a mentally disturbed captor.

**The Journey West: California Pioneer Series LLB**
by Elaine Schulte
6 volumes
Abby Talbot has enjoyed a life of wealth and privilege. Suddenly she finds herself orphaned, bankrupt, and joining relatives moving to the West. The first in a series about the Talbots, a family determined to bring Christianity to the West.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

**Asimov's Science Fiction** (monthly plus mid-December)
**Better Homes and Gardens** (monthly)
**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Journal of Physiotherapy** (British monthly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Braille Variety News** (monthly)
**Children's Digest** (for children, 8 issues)
**Consumers' Research** (monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])
**Fortune** (biweekly plus specials)
**Inside Sports** (monthly)
**Jack and Jill** (for children, 8 issues)
**Journal of Rehabilitation** (quarterly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Madam** (British monthly)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**New Beacon** (British monthly)
**The *New York Times* Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
**PC/Computing** (monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
**Progress** (British monthly)

**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)
**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

The following sports schedules are also available:
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## *For Younger Readers 1994–1995* in Braille and Audio Formats

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## Annual Catalog Survey

Patrons will soon be able to select and order NLS catalogs and bibliographies that will be issued in 1997. A large-print order form will be mailed to patrons who subscribe to *Talking Book Topics* early this fall. Patrons who subscribe to *Braille Book Review* will receive a braille order form. The form will give patrons the opportunity to order upcoming publications, such as *Cassette Books 1996* and *Braille Books 1995–1996*. Catalogs and bibliographies ordered will be sent directly to patrons when the publications are produced.

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The following announcement may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

**Polio Brochure**. *Late Effects of Polio—An Overview* gives a brief description of symptoms that may be experienced by persons who survived polio earlier in life and tells how this postpolio condition is diagnosed. It also offers suggestions for addressing the problem. The short brochure is available in braille from the International Polio Network, 4207 Lindell Boulevard, #110, St. Louis, MO 63108-2915, telephone (314) 534-0475, fax (314) 534-5070, e-mail gini_intl @msn.com

**Health Information Cassette.** The Agency for Health Care Policy Research has produced an audio cassette to help consumers make informed decisions about surgery and pain control after surgery. The audiotape contains two agency booklets, *Be Informed: Questions to Ask Your Doctor before You Have Surgery* (side one) and *Pain Control after Surgery: A Patient's Guide* (side two). Free single copies are available by mail from AHCPR Publications Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 8547, Silver Spring. MD 20907 or by calling 800-358-9295. Copies are also available from your cooperating network library.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Nonfiction

**e: The Story of a Number BR 9883**
by Eli Maor
3 volumes
The author traces the development of mathematics from the seventeenth century in language accessible to readers with some understanding of the subject. The story begins with John Napier, a Scotsman with many interests, including religion and abstract ideas, that led him to logarithms. Maor then introduces the ideas of calculus based on the number *e*, digressing to add descriptions of the quirks and quarrels of the pioneers in the field. 1994.

**W.E.B. Du Bois: Biography of a Race, 1868–1919 BR 9885**
by David Levering Lewis
10 volumes
Scholar, activist, pan-Africanist, W.E.B. Du Bois was a founder of the NAACP and the first black American to receive a doctorate from Harvard. He died an expatriate in Ghana at ninety-five. In this biography, based partly on newly available personal papers, Lewis analyzes the first fifty years of Du Bois's life with the backdrop of race relations and the racial ideologies and conflicts of the period. Pulitzer Prize. 1993.

**The How-To Handbook for Jewish Living BR 9956**
by Kerry M. Olitzky and Ronald H. Isaacs
2 volumes
A rabbi and the head of a Hebrew college school of education co-author a guide to common Jewish social and religious practices. Entries give the source of each practice, basic information, and suggestions for further reading. Discusses celebrating holidays, observing Shabbat, and chanting the Torah. Includes instructions for making challah, lighting a memorial candle, dancing the hora, and singing "Hatikvah." 1993.

**Finding It on the Internet: The Essential Guide to archie, Veronica, Gopher, WAIS, WWW (Including Mosaic), and Other Search and Browsing Tools BR 10054**
by Paul Gilster
5 volumes
Instructions on effectively accessing the global network's millions of interconnected directories, subdirectories, files, programs, and other data using various navigation tools and techniques. The

author discusses the future of Internet searching. 1994.

**The Craft of Investing BR 10118**
by John Train
2 volumes
Advice for the private investor from an investment consultant and author of books and articles on finance. Drawing on personal experience and his study of other successful money managers, Train analyzes market cycles and investment styles and advises on topics such as taxes, trusts, financial statements, estate and retirement planning, and prenuptial agreements. Includes a glossary of investment terms. 1994.

**The Ghost of the Executed Engineer: Technology and the Fall of the Soviet Union BR 10122**
by Loren R. Graham
2 volumes
American professor of the history of science chronicles the life of civil engineer Peter Palchinsky, who challenged the former Soviet Union's emphasis on technology without regard for economic and human costs. For this the eminent, outspoken Russian was executed, but the corrupt policies he criticized failed as he had predicted. 1993.

**Into Africa BR 10124**
by Craig Packer
3 volumes
Minnesota professors Craig Packer and his wife, Anne, have long studied the lions of Africa and for over a decade have spent half of each year in the Serengeti. Here, Packer provides a journal of a seven-week 1991 trip he and three graduate students made to retrieve more data on the lions and to collaborate with Jane Goodall's primate study. His descriptions of this research are interspersed with reminiscences of past adventures. 1994.

**The First Part of Henry the Sixth BR 10128**
by William Shakespeare
2 volumes
A three-part historical drama opens with the funeral of King Henry V at Westminster Abbey. The play, based on the fifteenth-century French-English wars, reveals the schemes of military leaders to advance themselves even at the expense of England, often taking advantage of their inexperienced ruler, Henry VI, whose opponent was Joan of Arc. In the final act, the young king considers peace with France and marriage. 1623.

**Listening BR 10138**
by Hannah Merker
2 volumes
Merker was the director of library services for the visually and physically handicapped in Suffolk County, New York, when a concussion took away most of her hearing at the age of thirty-nine. She describes her growing realization of the extent of her deafness, and how she discovered the world anew as she learned to "listen" visually, tactilely, and intuitively. 1994.

**The Simple Truth: Poems BR 10139**
by Philip Levine
1 volume
In the title poem Levine suggests "some things you know all your life." But little is "simple" in this collection of poetry about the past. These mainly narrative poems mix real-life images like "small red potatoes . . . boiled . . . in their jackets" with life as lived inside the mind, as in "I remember the room . . . how close

the moon, how utterly silent the piano." 1994.

**The Struggle of Blind People for Self-Determination: The Dependency-Rehabilitation Conflict; Empowerment in the Blindness Community BR 10146**
by C. Edwin Vaughan
3 volumes
The focus of this book is the struggle between people with visual handicaps and people who work to educate and rehabilitate them, with emphasis on those whose experiences with visual handicaps and the rehabilitation system begin early in life. 1993.

**The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark BR 10149**
by William Shakespeare
3 volumes
Seventeenth-century tragic drama. A young prince tries to avenge his father's murder. Hamlet's uncle seduced Hamlet's mother, killed Hamlet's father, and usurped Hamlet's claim to the throne. But Hamlet's own melancholic, irresolute temperament inhibits decisive action and contributes to further calamities. This edition includes an introduction to the author and the play, plus an essay with a modern perspective. 1992.

**The Concubine's Children BR 10153**
by Denise Chong
3 volumes
At seventeen, May-ying is told she must move from China to Canada to be a concubine for Chan Sam, twenty years her senior. Chan Sam has an At Home wife back in his Chinese village, but no sons. Author Chong, May-ying's granddaughter, explains how May-ying's two eldest daughters were raised in China by the wife, while Chong's mother grew up in Canada. Chong arranged the sisters' eventual first meeting. 1994.

***Wallenstein* and *Mary Stuart* BR 10197**
by Friedrich Schiller
4 volumes
The late-eighteenth-century *Wallenstein* trilogy consists of "Wallenstein's Camp," a short one-act play, followed by "The Piccolomini" and "Wallenstein's Death," each in five acts, dealing with the Thirty Years' War. *Mary Stuart*, completed in 1800, also in five acts, is a tragedy concerning the power struggle between Catholic Mary Stuart of Scotland and her Protestant half sister, Elizabeth I of England. 1800.

**Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes; Part 2, Perestroika BR 10225**
by Tony Kushner
1 volume
Sequel to *Millennium Approaches (BR 9377)*. Part two, picking up where the angel makes a traumatic entry in the final scene of *Millennium*, stands alone or can be seen as a resolution to *Millennium*. Prior is fighting for his life, but in the end he lectures his friends about what AIDS has done and how the world will go on. Strong language. 1994.

**Old Songs in a New Cafe BR 10236**
by Robert James Waller
1 volume
Nineteen essays written since 1983 by Waller, a folksinger and author. The writings include a loving tribute to his wife, thoughts on his daughter leaving home at eighteen, a book signing on a snowy day in St. Ansgar, playing "Wabash Cannonball" for a program with Charles Kuralt, and thoughts on his fiftieth birthday. Bestseller 1994.

**Beyond All Reason: My Life with Susan Smith BR 10250**
by David Smith
2 volumes
Smith looks at his life before and after the death of his two sons, Michael and Alex. He explains how he and Susan met and discusses their rocky marriage, their separation, and finally the days leading up to and following the devastating news that his wife had murdered their two sons. Some strong language. Bestseller 1995.

**The Intelligence of Dogs: A Guide to the Thoughts, Emotions, and Inner Lives of Our Canine Companions BR 10262**
by Stanley Coren
3 volumes
The author draws on his experience as a psychologist and dog trainer for a brief account of the natural history of dogs and a detailed study of canine intelligence. He examines various breeds for an evaluation of their instinctive and adaptive intelligence and their potential for obedience. 1994.

**The Buddha BR 10266**
by Michael Carrithers
1 volume
Biography and development of the philosophy of the Buddha. Born the son of a king, in the sixth century B.C., the Buddha renounced his privileged life to become a homeless wanderer. Relates how he experimented with meditation and self-mortification, developed a belief in the possibility of personal release from suffering through introspection, and founded an order of monks. Discusses the spread of the Buddha's teachings and reasons for their portability. 1983.

**Undercurrents: A Therapist's Reckoning with Her Own Depression BR 10267**
by Martha Manning
2 volumes
A harried psychologist is shocked to realize that she meets more of the criteria signifying a major depressive episode than does the patient she is counseling. In fact, as these journal entries show, she has every one of the warning signs. She also describes the steps she takes to recover, including electroconvulsive therapy, over the months that follow. Strong language. 1994.

**Broadsides from the Other Orders: A Book of Bugs BR 10272**
by Sue Hubbell
3 volumes
A chatty introduction to the amazing world of bugs. As a beekeeping journalist, Hubbell was often asked to explain bug behavior; the result is these thirteen entomological profiles. For example, bravo bees are also known incorrectly as killer bees, their honey is on most store shelves, and a Bee Regulated Zone was established in Mexico to stop them from entering the United States. 1993.

**Operating Instructions: A Journal of My Son's First Year BR 10274**
by Anne Lamott
2 volumes
Novelist Lamott describes the humorous and terrible moments of her son Sam's first year. A recovering alcoholic, ex-addict, and single mother, Lamott had doubts about her parenting skills. A network of loving friends and family helped her through Sam's colicky period and celebrated his achievements. A serious illness in one of these friends

made this a bittersweet year. Strong language. 1993.

**Out of Silence: A Journey into Language BR 10277**
by Russell Martin
3 volumes
Discussion of language, speech, and autism is interspersed with the story of the author's nephew Ian. Ian became autistic due to an immunization at eighteen months. At eight, using facilitated communication with a laptop computer, Ian demonstrates that he has language skills, he knows he has autism, he is bored with the routines he demands but needs them to stay calm, and he is frustrated by a body that doesn't listen. 1994.

**Homestead Year: Back to the Land in Suburbia BR 10279**
by Judith Moffett
3 volumes
Moffett, an assistant professor of English and a science fiction writer, had dreamed of buying some acreage and homesteading. When her five-year plan to do this faltered, she decided to take a year off from work and homestead her suburban one-acre yard in Pennsylvania. She describes her successes and mistakes while raising and slaughtering ducks, raising bees and fish, and growing a large garden. 1995.

**Breaking Free: An Anthology of Human Rights Poetry BR 10282**
selected by Robert Hull
1 volume
Most of these poems about the search for human dignity and equality were, or still are, banned in the country in which they were written. In one, people appreciate the right to sort peas and to cup water in their hands. In another, a man's son has been missing since May of the previous year although "they took him just for a few hours." For junior and senior high and older readers. 1994.

**The Best of Thailand: A Cookbook BR 10283**
by Evie Righter
1 volume
With both Chinese and Indian influences, Thai food is "of two minds: It can be sweet and soothing, or hot and spicy almost beyond imagination." Important ingredients are fish sauce, fresh chili peppers, coconut milk, and herbs. Includes recipes for four curry pastes and a variety of classic Thai dishes. 1993.

**Under Fire: The NRA and the Battle for Gun Control BR 10291**
by Osha Gray Davidson
3 volumes
Davidson provides a brief history of the National Rifle Association (NRA) from its 1871 inception as an institution to teach gun-handling skills to its 1990s status as a powerful lobby. His discussion includes NRA's fights against any type of gun control (which began during the cold war), NRA leadership by Harlon Carter, and the escalating number of privately owned guns. 1993.

**The Wooden Spoon Cookie Book: Favorite Home-Style Recipes from the Wooden Spoon Kitchen BR 10292**
by Marilyn M. Moore
1 volume
Includes recipes for drop cookies, bar cookies, shaped cookies, refrigerator cookies, and cutout cookies. Discusses stocking a cookie kitchen, hosting a holiday cookie swap, and involving children in cookie making. 1994.

# Fiction

**Silk Hope, NC BR 10115**
by Lawrence Naumoff
2 volumes
While Frannie is away on a three-day romp with various men, her mother dies. Frannie's sister, Natalie, and her fiancé, Jake, intensify the blow by informing Frannie they want to sell the farmhouse and surrounding acres. A female ancestor willed the land to stay in the hands of the family's women so they would always have a place to live. To keep her sanctuary, Frannie must somehow manage to buy out Natalie's share. Some strong language. 1994.

***Barking Man* and Other Stories BR 10123**
by Madison Smartt Bell
2 volumes
A collection of ten short stories showing the struggles of people and other creatures on the fringes of society. A Chinese laboratory mouse uses the *I Ching* for predicting the future, and the hero of the title story not only barks, but sheds, climbs on the furniture, and bites. 1990.

**It's Your Misfortune and None of My Own: Code of the West, Book 1 BR 10126**
by Stephen Bly
2 volumes
Zach Hatcher and Suzanne Cedar have been corresponding for two years and now plan to marry. But as they travel toward one another, they are both mortally wounded. Prison escapee Tap Andrews, who is with Zach when he dies, takes on his identity. Dance hall girl Pepper Paige becomes Suzanne. Neither is Christian as Zach and Suzanne had been, but perhaps they can put aside the past and begin new lives together. 1994.

**The Raiders BR 10130**
by Harold Robbins
3 volumes
Twenty years after *The Carpetbaggers (BR 10129)*, wealthy Jonas Cord is still regretting never telling his late father he loved him and never having a son to express his love to. Now, while Cord is on the run from federal marshals who want him to take a business risk by testifying in front of Congress, his wife is divorcing him. Then he learns he has a grown son. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

**American Eyes: New Asian-American Short Stories for Young Adults BR 10180**
edited by Lori M. Carlson
1 volume
Ten coming-of-age stories about the conflict many Asian American youths experience when they examine their native Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Filipino heritage with American eyes. Sometimes it is a search for identity, sometimes it is cultural embarrassment, and sometimes it is a generation gap, but in each story something ignites an *Asian* fire. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**Single Tree BR 10181**
by Gary D. Svee
2 volumes
Newly arrived in Montana, Samuel Wilders leaves his wife and children in the shade of a single cottonwood tree to search for a horse to buy. Instead, he is confronted by rancher Tolkien and lynched as a rustler. Horrified, Tolkien's young Cree ranch hand, Runs Toward,

quits his job. He finds the starving Wilders family and repeats a kindness that he received as a child. Strong language and violence. 1994.

**Chosen for Death BR 10182**
by Kate Clark Flora
2 volumes
At her sister Carrie's funeral, Thea Kozak vows to find Carrie's murderer. Adopted as a newborn, twenty-one-year-old Carrie was waitressing in Maine and searching for her birth mother when she was killed. Detective Andre Lemieux seems dedicated to the case but can find no motive for the brutal attack. Hoping to find a lead, Thea retraces Carrie's search. Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Children of the Jedi BR 10185**
by Barbara Hambly
3 volumes
After an old friend tries to murder Han Solo on the jungle world of Ithor, Luke Skywalker sets out for a distant star system to learn the reason for the assassination attempt. Meanwhile Han Solo and Princess Leia investigate the rumor of a lost enclave of Jedi children on the isolated world of Belsavis and come up against an old evil from the days of the Empire. A Star Wars novel. Bestseller 1995.

**Murder in the Place of Anubis BR 10186**
by Lynda S. Robinson
2 volumes
Set in ancient Egypt during the reign of fourteen-year-old Pharaoh Tutankhamun. Meren, young also but mature enough to serve as counselor to the king, finds it his duty to learn the truth about a scribe whose body is found in the sacred Place of Anubis with an embalming knife protruding from the neck. Meren is torn between loyalty to the king, respect for the embalming priests, and suspicion of those who would take advantage of the youthful pharaoh. 1994.

**Walking after Midnight BR 10189**
by Karen Robards
3 volumes
At 2:00 a.m., Summer McAfee, owner of a janitorial service, is on her knees scrubbing the floor of a funeral home. Suddenly the naked and badly bruised body of a man comes to life, and he takes her hostage. Over the next four days they are on the run, dodging bad cops and a ghost, as the former corpse, a cop working under cover, tries to save himself and Summer. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

**A Typical American Town BR 10219**
by John Maddox Roberts
2 volumes
After being asked to leave the LAPD, Gabe Treloar is heading to a new job in Cleveland when his latest failed suicide attempt lands him in his hometown. An old girlfriend welcomes him back, and he finds a room to rent in his boyhood home. After his landlady encourages him to unload the horrors that led to his job change, she is murdered, and Gabe realizes he is being set up. Strong language, violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**The Commodore BR 10224**
by Patrick O'Brian
3 volumes
As in sixteen previous tales in this series, Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin occupy center stage. Upon their re-

turn to England, the seafaring duo face several domestic adjustments. Just as life on land becomes very interesting, Captain Aubrey is ordered to Africa. But the Napoleonic Wars are not over, so another, secret order redirects the commodore to Ireland to intercept the French. Some strong language. 1994.

**The Hundred Secret Senses BR 10230**
by Amy Tan
3 volumes
Although Olivia is disappointed and often embarrassed by her Chinese-born half sister, she tolerates Kwan's eccentric, brassy, meddlesome ways and even her incessant discussions with nineteenth-century Chinese ghosts. Olivia is also disappointed with her marriage and its own ghost. Eventually Kwan helps Olivia to understand loyalty and unconditional love. Some violence, some descriptions of sex, and some strong language. Bestseller 1995.

**The Holy Man BR 10232**
by Susan Trott
1 volume
Joe is a holy man who lives on a mountaintop with several other monks. During the summer, there is a steady line of people from all walks of life coming up the mountain path to see Joe and to hear his words of wisdom. Each pilgrim comes to Joe with a problem addressing themes such as violence, love, fear, ego, or impatience. 1995.

**Five Days in Paris BR 10234**
by Danielle Steel
2 volumes
Peter Haskell, president of a major pharmaceutical company, is in Paris awaiting test results on a drug that could revolutionize cancer care. Olivia Thatcher, who lost her son to cancer, is also in Paris. While Peter's family means everything to him, Olivia feels she no longer knows her husband, a renowned United States senator. One night Peter and Olivia meet, and their lives are changed forever. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1995.

**The Hanged Man BR 10237**
by Francesca Lia Block
1 volume
Seventeen-year-old Laurel lives at the top of a canyon in Los Angeles. Waiting in a hospital for her father's death, she meets Jack, who befriends her. Jack also introduces Laurel to a fast-paced lifestyle. Meanwhile, Laurel slowly confronts a lot of strange things going on in her life. Descriptions of sex and some strong language. For high school and older readers. 1994.

**The Lost World BR 10243**
by Michael Crichton
3 volumes
This sequel to *Jurassic Park (BR 9345)* is set six years after the dinosaur island park disaster in which humans fought off genetically engineered replicas of prehistoric animals. One survivor of that attack is now a member of a group who return to the area and meet up with the remaining dinosaurs. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1995.

***Heart Songs* and Other Stories**
**BR 10249**
by E. Annie Proulx
2 volumes
Eleven short stories featuring the rites of nature and the rituals of small-town life in rural New England. Proulx's focus includes the blue-collar worker who is affected by the newly rural bourgeoisie; the natives who enjoy hunting and fishing; and the malice, greed, and

passion that affect the residents. Strong language and some violence. 1995.

**Angel Angel BR 10253**
by April Stevens
2 volumes
Shortly after Augusta Iris's artist husband leaves her for another woman, she crawls into bed and stays there. Her eighteen-year-old son, Henry, finally calls his brother, Mathew, at Harvard for help. Mathew returns home, but neither son is equipped to deal with Augusta's depression. Help comes in the form of Bette Mack, a young woman who makes a profound impact on each of their lives. Strong language. 1995.

**Billy Bayes BR 10254**
by Tom Clarke
2 volumes
It was a lucky day for Billy Bayes when Josh Clemens offered him a job on the Rocking J Ranch. Josh has been hard on Billy, but Billy has become an excellent ranch hand. He is even chosen to meet the boss's sister, daughter, and new Arabian stallion at the train station and escort them to the ranch. But Billy faces unforeseen trouble from the minute the horse is led from the train. 1994.

**The Lasko Tangent BR 10255**
by Richard North Patterson
2 volumes
U.S. Attorney Christopher Paget is a member of the Economic Crimes Commission in Washington, D.C. He believes that William Lasko, a Korean war hero and close friend of the president, is involved in shady deals and money laundering. Paget's one source of information, Alexander Lehman, has promised to tell all but is killed in a hit-and-run accident before he can. Prequel to *Degree of Guilt (BR 9811)*. Strong language and some violence. 1979.

**Sleepwalking BR 10263**
by Julie Myerson
2 volumes
Struggling artist Susan marries successful Alistair but is soon unhappy. Eight months pregnant, her desire to leave him increases when she falls in love with another artist. Meanwhile, Susan's cruel father commits suicide, and his ghost as an unhappy child begins to haunt her. Intertwined with Susan's story is that of her grandmother Queenie, who failed miserably as a mother and wife. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**The Innocents BR 10269**
by Richard Barre
2 volumes
A flash flood uncovers a small skeleton in the California desert. The remains of six more children are found nearby. Successful restaurateur Ignacio Reyes is horrified to discover one of the children is his own. Benito was given up for adoption to wealthy Americans in 1967 when Reyes was destitute in Mexico. Now Reyes calls in private investigator Wil Hardesty to help avenge the child's death. Strong language and violence. 1995.

**Mysterious Skin BR 10270**
by Scott Heim
2 volumes
Little Leaguer Brian Lackey, eight, can't remember the five hours following one of his games, and as the years pass, Brian imagines he was abducted by aliens. Another boy on the baseball team, Neil McCormick, had consented to sexual fondling by their coach. When Brian begins to recollect that his experi-

ence was shared by Neil, he tracks down Neil, who is now a prostitute. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Papa's Suitcase BR 10271**
by Gerhard Kopf
1 volume
The narrator, who dubs himself Hemingstein, is a lover of books, especially those by Ernest Hemingway. He is so obsessed with the writer that he embarks on a trip to the places Hemingway visited around the world. Hemingstein hopes to find the suitcase containing all of Hemingway's manuscripts that was lost in Paris in 1922. But is he really traveling around the world or only imagining it? 1994.

**Both Sides of Time BR 10273**
by Caroline B. Cooney
2 volumes
Annie wants romance from her boyfriend, Sean, but he's only interested in cars. While visiting his apartment at the crumbling Stratton mansion, Annie wanders through the building, sad that it is to be demolished. Suddenly, she is pulled back a century to 1895 and meets Strat, young heir to the mansion. The period is romantic but not kind to women or immigrant groups, and a murder threatens Annie and her new friends. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**Di and I BR 10276**
by Peter Lefcourt
3 volumes
Leonard Schecter has been given the opportunity to write the script for a television series about England's royal family. Entranced by Princess Di, he woos her by promising to write an epic poem about her. Leonard and Di are besotted with one another, and Di packs up the two princes and heads to California for a life with Leonard. Strong language. 1994.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Nonfiction

**Thomas Jefferson: A Picture Book Biography BR 9939**
by James Cross Giblin
1 volume
Born on a farm in Virginia, Thomas Jefferson was quiet and shy as a boy, and he loved to read the books he later inherited from his father. During his adult life, he became famous for writing the Declaration of Independence, serving as third president of the United States, and founding the University of Virginia.

Later Jefferson was so poor that he had to sell his books to Congress. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1994.

**The First Strawberries: A Cherokee Story BR 9943**
retold by Joseph Bruchac
1 volume
When the world was new, the Creator made a man and a woman. They were very happy together, until one day the man came home and found his wife picking flowers instead of fixing his dinner. Thus begins the retelling of a tale about why strawberries were created. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1993.

**The Girl Who Married the Moon: Tales from Native North America BR 10192**
retold by Joseph Bruchac and Gayle Ross
1 volume
This sequel to *Flying with the Eagle, Racing the Great Bear (BR 10345)* focuses on the time a young girl becomes a woman. In Native American cultures, this day is celebrated with song, dance, ritual, and story. Two storytellers have collected tales about women of four Indian nations from four different regions of North America. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**Black Eagles: African Americans in Aviation BR 10275**
by Jim Haskins
1 volume
A look at the difficulties faced by black Americans who wanted to become pilots and astronauts. The pioneers discussed include Eugene Bullard, who flew in World War I; Bessie Coleman, who became the first female African American pilot; and Guion Bluford and Mae Jemison, who became the first African American man and woman in space. For grades 5-8. 1995.

# Fiction

**The Dragon's Pearl BR 9945**
retold by Julie Lawson
1 volume
Xiao Sheng and his mother live in China where every morning Xiao Sheng sets off to cut green grass to sell in the village so that he and his mother can have food and fuel. He is a happy boy and is always singing. Then one day the rain stops coming, and the grass begins to die. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 1993.

**Brighty of the Grand Canyon BR 10125**
by Marguerite Henry
1 volume
Brighty, a freedom-loving little burro, befriends a kind old prospector. Brighty watches one day as a vicious stranger kills the old man. Years later, Brighty avenges his friend's death. For grades 4-7. 1953.

**Little House on Rocky Ridge BR 10160**
by Roger Lea MacBride
2 volumes
In 1894, following several years of fires and drought, Laura and Almanzo Wilder decide to leave their farm in South Dakota and travel to Missouri where they hope the land will be better. Their daughter Rose describes the trip across the "Big Muddy" river, meeting with Russian families, finding a stray dog that becomes her pet, buying a farm, and holding a barn raising. Prequel to *Little Farm in the Ozarks (BR 10161)*. For grades 3-6. 1993.

**Little Farm in the Ozarks BR 10161**
by Roger Lea MacBride
1 volume
In the sequel to *Little House on Rocky Ridge (BR 10160)*, Rose and her parents, Laura and Almanzo Wilder, are still waiting for their apple trees to mature on their new farm in Missouri. When Rose is finally allowed to start school, she is dismayed by the dull lessons and the snooty attitude of the town girls in her third-reader class. But by year's end, Rose has made a school friend. For grades 3-6. 1994.

**The Dragon and the Thief BR 10188**
by Gillian Bradshaw
1 volume
Seventeen-year-old Prahotep can't seem to get anything right. He doesn't even make a good thief! When he turns to robbing graves, he thinks he's breaking into an Egyptian pharaoh's tomb, but it's actually the cave of Hathor, a wealthy dragon. Hathor wants to protect her fortune and to find her kin, if any survive. Prahotep agrees to help her, and together they escape up the Nile, followed by an evil magician. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1991.

**Almost Famous BR 10235**
by David Getz
1 volume
Ten-year-old Maxine wants to become a famous inventor and to appear on the Phil Donahue Show. She has already invented two things, but now she wants to invent something that will help her five-year-old brother, who has a heart murmur. When she hears about the Inventions of Children Contest, Maxine enlists the help of her classmate Toni, and together they invent an amazing pillow. For grades 3-6. 1992.

**I See the Moon BR 10239**
by C.B. Christiansen
1 volume
Even though her parents are sad when Bitte's fifteen-year-old sister, Kari, becomes pregnant, Bitte, twelve, is looking forward to being an aunt. She plans to teach the baby the things her favorite Aunt Minna taught her. But Kari has shocking news. She is giving the baby up for adoption. Now, twelve years later, Bitte explains to her niece the events surrounding the girl's birth. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**Danger at the Fair BR 10247**
by Peg Kehret
1 volume
Visiting the fortune teller at the county fair, Ellen is shocked when the pencil in her own hand begins writing a warning about a "smaller one" being in danger. Thinking it is a message from her late grandfather, Ellen is dismayed to learn that her brother Corey, who came to the fair with his friend, is missing. Meanwhile, Corey is having quite an adventure trying to track down the pickpocket he saw from the top of the ferris wheel. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**A Blessing in Disguise BR 10248**
by Eleanora E. Tate
2 volumes
Because her mother is ill with hepatitis and is in a psychiatric hospital, twelve-year-old Zambia Brown is being raised by her uncle and aunt in a small South Carolina town. She longs to leave them and her cousin and join the exciting life of her nightclub-owner father, Snake, and her older half-sisters. It takes a tragedy to make Zambia see her entire family realistically. For grades 6-9. 1995.

**Under the Blood-Red Sun BR 10261**
by Graham Salisbury
2 volumes
Tomi is a thirteen-year-old living in Honolulu in 1941. His parents and grandfather are Japanese immigrants, and his best friend, Billy, is white, a *haole*. Much to Tomi's dismay, his grandfather persists in calling himself Japanese and even flying Japan's flag. When the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, soldiers accuse Tomi's family of being spies. Even Billy begins treating Tomi differently. Some strong language and some violence. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**Walk Two Moons BR 10280**
by Sharon Creech
2 volumes
A year ago, Sal's grieving mother left Sal and her father to visit Idaho and never returned. Sal's father has accepted that his wife is not coming back, but Sal has not. As she and her grandparents travel to Idaho to find her mother, Sal tells them "an extensively strange story" about her new friend Phoebe, whose mother also disappeared. And Sal gets to walk two moons in her mother's moccasins. For grades 3-6 and older readers. Newbery Medal. 1994.

**Do-Over BR 10281**
by Rachel Vail
1 volume
Eighth-grader Whitman Levy is very interested in girls but very inexperienced. Amazed that he convinces one to be his girlfriend, Whit inadvertently offends her, and she dumps him. As he daydreams about one girl after another, Whit tries to ignore the friction between his parents. Some strong language. For grades 6-9. 1992.

**Amelia Bedelia BR 10284**
by Peggy Parish
1 volume
When Amelia Bedelia shows up for her first day of work as a housekeeper, her new employer, Mrs. Rogers, gives her a list of things to do and drives away. Amelia is puzzled by the instructions but follows them anyway. She dresses the chicken in a little outfit, dusts the furniture with dusting powder, and cuts up the towels to change them. For grades K-3. 1963.

**Stupid Cupid BR 10295**
by Ilene Cooper
1 volume
At twelve Maddy Donalson is bigger than her mother, who keeps urging her to diet. Maddy decides that might be a way to attract new student Mickey Torres. Meanwhile, Maddy and her four friends from camp, who get together every holiday, plan a Valentine's party. And Mickey agrees to come! Now if Maddy's plans to fix up a date for her widowed mother work out, everything will be perfect. For grades 3-6. 1995.

# Handcopied Braille–Other Agencies

The following books have been hand transcribed for the library indicated with each entry and are available from that library for circulation throughout the country. Please write or call directly to the library indicated.

**LLB**
Lutheran Library for the Blind
1133 South Kirkwood Road
St. Louis, MO 63122
314-965-9000, 800-433-3954

## Adult Nonfiction

**Grandparenting: The Agony and the Ecstasy LLB**
by Jay Kesler
3 volumes
Kesler discusses challenges grandparents face: sharing spiritual values with grandchildren, building relationships across the miles, providing emotional support if parents divorce, and knowing when and how to intervene in a crisis.

**Live Long and Love It! LLB**
by Win and Charles Arn
2 volumes
Tells how to make senior years the best years of your life with courage, humor, health, and faith.

**Pack Up Your Gloomees in a Great Big Box, Then Sit on the Lid and Laugh! LLB**
by Barbara Johnson
6 volumes
The author expounds on learning not only to endure life but to enjoy it. She tells of her own trials and how she developed her Spatula Ministries, which helps parents cope with child-rearing problems.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

**Asimov's Science Fiction** (monthly plus mid-December)
**Better Homes and Gardens** (monthly)
**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Journal of Physiotherapy** (British monthly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Braille Variety News** (monthly)
**Children's Digest** (for children, 8 issues)
**Consumers' Research** (monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])
**Fortune** (biweekly plus specials)
**Inside Sports** (monthly)
**Jack and Jill** (for children, 8 issues)
**Journal of Rehabilitation** (quarterly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Madam** (British monthly)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)

**National Geographic** (monthly)
**New Beacon** (British monthly)
**The *New York Times* Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
**PC/Computing** (monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
**Progress** (British monthly)
**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)
**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

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# In Brief

## Bibliography Available in Braille

*Pioneer and Frontier Stories*, a bibliography listing selected books dealing with the lives of the people who blazed trails westward and settled the land, will be available in braille in December.The braille edition lists only braille books.

Readers who ordered the braille editions of this bibliography on their annual order forms will automatically receive it in the mail. Others may request the bibliography from their local cooperating libraries. It is also available through the Internet by accessing LC MARVEL.

## Calendars for 1997

Listed below are organizations that offer free braille calendars. For more sources of braille calendars, contact the NLS Reference Section, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542.

**American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults**
18440 Oxnard Street
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 343-2022
6 x 6½-inch calendar featuring one page per month and a listing of major holidays. Accepts orders by mail only.

**Braille Institute Press**
c/o Braille Institute of America
741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(213) 663-1111, ext. 231
8¾ x 11-inch calendar. It is provided as an insert in the December issue of the

*Braille Mirror* and the holiday issue of *Expectations*. A limited quantity of extras are available and can be ordered by mail or telephone.

**John Milton Society for the Blind**
475 Riverside Drive
Room 455
New York, NY 10115
(212) 870-3336
12½ x 10½-inch calendar featuring a motto on each page. Accepts orders by mail or telephone.

**Lutheran Mission with Blind and Visually Impaired Persons**
1333 South Kirkwood Road
St. Louis, MO63122
(314) 965-9000
800-433-3954
attn: Lynne Borchelt
8½ x 11-inch calendar featuring a monthly verse from the Bible. Accepts orders by mail or telephone.

**Services for the Blind**
The Auditorium
P.O. Box 1059
Independence, MO 64051
(816) 833-1000, ext. 1460
4 x 4-inch calendar that includes a listing of major holidays. Accepts orders by mail or telephone.

# Nineteenth-Century Book on Blind People Reissued

A classic book about the achievements of blind people, which had been out of print, was recently reissued in a commemorative regular-print edition by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) and the Friends of Libraries for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals in North America. The book is being produced in recorded and braille formats for the NLS collection and is expected to be available to patrons in early 1997.

*Biography of the Blind* by James Wilson was first published in four separate editions from 1821 to 1838. It contains biographical sketches of blind men and women of varying age, ability, and status in life, from the well-known writers Homer and Milton to an obscure miser, Adam Mond. The book also includes an extensive autobiography of the author, who was born in Richmond, Virginia, and grew up in Belfast, Ireland. While his family was traveling to England when Wilson was four years old, both parents died at sea and Wilson himself was blinded by smallpox. He became a self-educated man with an interest in documenting the achievements of blind persons.

The reissue edition combines under one cover all of the biographies Wilson presented in his four editions and includes notes by research librarian Kenneth Stuckey of the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Massachusetts. In addition to providing a look at past lives, the book offers a glimpse of the road that European and American society has traveled in disabilities awareness up to the twentieth century.

Print copies of the book can be purchased for $16.95 for the paperback edition and $22.95 for hardcover. Contact Friends of Libraries for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals in North America, Inc., 1555 Connecticut

Avenue NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 462-9600.

## Reference Information Now on Cassette

NLS has produced two new four-track cassettes containing a reference circular and factsheets. One cassette contains *Blindness and Visual Impairments: Information and Advocacy Organizations*, a reference circular that lists state-level, national, and international organizations providing a variety of services to blind and visually impaired persons.

Another cassette contains *Facts: Sources for Purchase of Cassette Players and Player-Recorders Compatible with Recorded Materials Produced by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)* and *Facts: Playback Machines and Accessories Provided on Free Loan to Eligible Individuals and Institutions*. These factsheets provide information about special equipment used to listen to NLS recorded books and magazines.

Both cassettes are available for patrons to keep for their reference use. To obtain either or both cassettes, write to Reference Section, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, DC 20542. These publications are also available through the Internet by accessing LC MARVEL.

## Newsstand

The following announcement may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

**New Seedlings Catalog and Address.** Seedlings Braille Books for Children announces its 1997 catalog and also a new box number and ZIP code. For a free catalog or more information, contact Seedlings, P.O. Box 51924 (new number), Livonia, MI 48151-5924 (new ZIP code), telephone 800-777-8552.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Nonfiction

**The Ultimate Pasta Machine Cookbook**
**BR 10127**
by Tom Lacalamita
2 volumes
Tells how to make a variety of fresh pastas and noodles using a pasta machine. Also included are recipes for entrees, salads, soups, sauces, and desserts using the homemade pasta; for example, pan-fried noodles with chicken, baked manicotti and cannelloni, sun-dried tomato and pasta salad, won ton soup, Filipino stir-fried egg noodles, and raspberry crisp. 1994.

**The Homeless BR 10140**
by Christopher Jencks
2 volumes
To determine how much homelessness increased during the 1980s, why it increased, and what can be done to reduce it, sociologist Jencks examines different methods used to count the homeless and various social and political changes that may have contributed to the rise in numbers. These changes include the abolishment of involuntary commitment for the mentally ill, the destruction of skid row, and reductions in monetary welfare benefits. 1994.

**Silence of the Spheres: The Deaf Experience in the History of Science**
**BR 10143**
by Harry G. Lang
3 volumes
A deaf scientist, who teaches deaf physics students, writes about deaf people throughout history who overcame negative attitudes to contribute significantly to various fields of science. He also discusses education, including the establishment of Gallaudet University, and suggests ways representation of deaf people could be increased in the scientific community. 1994.

**Living and Dying in England, 1100–1540: The Monastic Experience BR 10171**
by Barbara Harvey
4 volumes
Joint winner of the 1993 Wolfson Foundation History Prize in Britain. Drawing on the archives of the Benedictine foundation at Westminster Abbey, a historian produces an account of the daily lives of the monks in this important monastery during the Middle Ages and the early sixteenth century. The author also explores such topics as their social conditions, charitable work, diet, and pensions. 1993.

**Study for the World's Body: New and Selected Poems BR 10233**
by David St. John
1 volume
The title poem, written as a coda to the entire collection, is a duet between "The Body of Desire" and "Of Time and the Body," one evocative and the other elegiac. In "Study," selected poems are gathered from *Hush* (1976), *The Shore* (1980), *No Heaven* (1985), and *Terraces of Rain: An Italian Sketchbook* (1991). In "Merlin," new poems that appeared first in 1991, St. John pays homage to some of his idols. 1994.

**The Book of Virtues: A Treasury of Great Moral Stories BR 10251**
edited by William J. Bennett
7 volumes
Collection of poems and stories from the Bible, from great authors, and from folklore that Bennett suggests can be used for teaching parents, teachers, students, and children about specific virtues. Topics include faith, self-discipline, compassion, responsibility, friendship, work, courage, honesty, and loyalty. Bennett introduces each section. Bestseller 1993.

**Taking the Fear out of Eating: A Nutritionists' Guide to Sensible Food Choices BR 10278**
by Charlette R. Gallagher
and John B. Allred
4 volumes
Provides practical advice on interpreting nutrition labels and making food choices, explains nutrients and their functions, examines food production and processing, and discusses the relationship between nutrition and health. 1992.

**Last Watch of the Night: Essays Too Personal and Otherwise BR 10289**
by Paul Monette
3 volumes
Ten essays written from August 1992 to New Year's Eve 1993. While "leashed to three separate IV drugs and a small mountain of oral medication," AIDS patient Monette wrote as thoughts came to him. Topics include Puck, the dog left by one of his lovers; selecting his own grave site; and the lives of gay priests. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1994.

**Persian Cooking for a Healthy Kitchen BR 10297**
by Najmieh Khalili Batmanglij
2 volumes
The author draws on fifteen years of researching Persian traditions and collecting and preparing recipes for her collection of low-fat, high-flavor dishes. She includes recipes for appetizers and side dishes, soups, pickles and relishes, desserts, various meats, and the ever-present rice. 1994.

**High Tide in Tucson: Essays from Now or Never BR 10304**
by Barbara Kingsolver
2 volumes
Autobiographical essays from novelist Kingsolver, who wrote *Pigs in Heaven (BR 9239)*. In the title selection, Kingsolver, returning from an ocean vacation, inadvertently brings a hermit crab back to her desert home. After puzzling over his odd behavior, she decides her new pet is reacting to the tides of Tucson! Other selections discuss being a writer, a mother, and a desert dweller. Bestseller 1995.

**The Journey BR 10346**
edited by Kenneth Jernigan
1 volume
Collection of essays designed to show that if given appropriate training and equal opportunity, people who are blind make meaningful contributions to society. Includes entries about Kenneth Jernigan, spokesperson for the National Federation of the Blind; Kathy Kannenberg, math teacher; Peggy Pinder, lawyer; and Theodore Paul Lubitz, violinist, singer, and piano tuner. 1993.

# Fiction

**Kristin Lavransdatter: Volume 1, The Bridal Wreath BR 10085**
by Sigrid Undset
3 volumes
In this first volume of a trilogy set in medieval Norway, the winner of the 1928 Nobel Prize for literature tells of Kristin's girlhood and her love for Erlend Nikulaussön, a young man of whom her father strongly disapproves. Prequel to *The Mistress of Husaby (BR 10086)*. 1923.

**The Carpetbaggers BR 10129**
by Harold Robbins
7 volumes
A study of the rise to power of Jonas Cord, a man haunted by a demanding father and a man committed to success, regardless of the consequences. Prequel to *The Raiders (BR 10130)*. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1961.

**If I Should Die before I Wake BR 10142**
by Han Nolan
2 volumes
Since her father died in an accident she attributes to his Jewish boss, Hilary has shaved her head and joined a local youth gang called the Great Aryan Warriors. Now in a Jewish hospital after a motorcycle accident, Hilary is annoyed by the pity in an elderly woman's eyes. Then Hilary spirals into another place and time—Nazi Germany—and realizes she is a Jewish girl named Chana. Strong language and some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**The Crystal Star BR 10187**
by Vonda N. McIntyre
3 volumes
While Princess Leia attempts to rescue her kidnapped children from a power-mad Empire loyalist, Luke Skywalker and Han Solo investigate a space-bending crystalline star that causes a disruption in the Force and adversely affects Luke's Jedi powers. And on a nearby planet, Luke and Han meet a charismatic alien with miraculous healing powers, but whose intentions are unclear. A Star Wars novel. 1994.

**The Angel Gang: Tom Hickey Trilogy, Book 3 BR 10190**
by Ken Kuhlken
2 volumes
After rescuing childlike Wendy from a Tijuana dive in *The Loud Adios (BR 9977)*, ex-private eye Tom Hickey took her to his Tahoe retreat and eventually married her. Now that Wendy is about to give birth, Hickey is frustrated that she insists he leave town to help a past acquaintance beat a murder rap. His frustration turns to horror when Wendy is kidnapped. Strong language and some violence. 1994.

**The Life and Adventures of Martin Chuzzlewit BR 10218**
by Charles Dickens
8 volumes
Old Chuzzlewit, surrounded by a selfish family, sees the same traits forming in his grandson Martin and kicks him out of the house. Penniless, young Martin makes his way to America to seek his fortune. After a series of difficult experiences, he is cured of his greed. Other members of the Chuzzlewit clan have their own selfish goals, including a plot to murder Old Chuzzlewit. 1844.

**Telling Lies: A Maggie MacGowen Mystery BR 10238**
by Wendy Hornsby
2 volumes
Twenty-two years ago today, investigative filmmaker Maggie MacGowen's twenty-two-year-old brother Marc was killed in Vietnam, and his twin sister Emily was the cover story in *Time* magazine because of her antiwar activities. On this anniversary, Emily, now a well-loved doctor, has summoned Maggie and others together for a "mystery guest" but is shot before the unveiling. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1992.

**Rocking the Babies BR 10246**
by Linda Raymond
2 volumes
Although Martha and Nettie Lee are both older African American women who volunteer to rock premature babies at a hospital, they dislike each other from the start. Martha wants to become a foster mother for a preemie abandoned in a Port-a-Potty. She does not realize that Nettie Lee is the child's grandmother, who is staying anonymous to protect her daughter. As the two women tell stories and befriend a young mother, they grow closer. Strong language. 1994.

**In the Sparrow Hills: Stories BR 10252**
by Emile Capouya
2 volumes
Five autobiographical tales. Most draw on the author's experiences, often having to do with life at sea and occasionally with literary associations. In the title story, the narrator searches in vain for a Chekhov tale he read in college. 1993.

**The Dawning of Deliverance: The Russians, Volume 5 BR 10264**
by Judith Pella
3 volumes
In the early 1900s, Countess Mariana Remizov, twenty-three and unmarried, wants to do something more with her life. Her father and grandmother are outraged when Mariana heads to the Manchurian front to work as a nurse. There she again meets Daniel Trent. As war rages, Mariana and her family rely on God's power to bring them love and freedom. Sequel to *Heirs of the Motherland (BR 9863)*. 1995.

**Jasmine Nights BR 10268**
by S.P. Somtow
3 volumes
In a crazy mix of Thai, American, British, and classic Greek influences, twelve-year-old Justin explores the mysteries of the adult world in his native Bangkok. He and his two cohorts-in-adventure, one from black Georgia, the other from white South Africa, combine knowledge and misconceptions from their very different backgrounds. Glossary of Siamese words. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Mysterium BR 10290**
by Robert Charles Wilson
2 volumes
Two Rivers, Michigan, is the site of a government facility that is conducting tests on a strange artifact found in Turkey in 1989. Then in the early dawn hours of a Saturday in late May, the town vanishes. The residents awake to find themselves in a town without modern technology and governed by a powerful, repressive church. Some violence. 1994.

**The Nature of Longing BR 10293**
by Alyce Miller
2 volumes
Collection of eight short stories, most dealing with the complexity of race relations. In the title story about a homosexual librarian, race is less an issue than sexuality. In "Color Struck," a black mother has difficulty accepting her albino daughter. In "What Jasmine Would Think," a white teenage girl tries to hang out with a group of black teens, and in "Off-Season Travel," two couples develop an unsettling bond. Some strong language. 1994.

**The Aliens of Earth BR 10298**
by Nancy Kress
3 volumes
Eighteen science fiction and fantasy stories by the Nebula and Hugo Award-winning author. The collection includes "The Price of Oranges," a time travel story; "In a World like This," a tale that presents a nightmarish erosion of reality; and "The Battle of Long Island," about an alternate universe. "People like Us" and "Cannibals" are concerned with aliens. Some strong language. 1993.

**Bertie and the Crime of Passion BR 10305**
by Peter Lovesey
2 volumes
Paris, 1891. Bertie, prince of Wales, has just arrived in Paris when Sarah Bernhardt informs him that the intended son-in-law of his good friend Jules d'Agincourt has been murdered. Bertie enlists Sarah's help, and they are soon off to the Moulin Rouge, where the murder occurred. 1993.

**Murder on the Iditarod Trail BR 10307**
by Sue Henry
2 volumes
Critical injuries are rare during the Iditarod dog-sled race, but on day two musher George Koptak is found dead. While Alaska state trooper Alex Jensen investigates the accident, he learns that another contestant is dead. At a loss for determining a motive, Jensen turns to musher Jessie Arnold for help. As other racers die, Alex, who is growing fond of Jessie, begins to fear for her. Strong language and violence. For high school and older readers. 1991.

**The Cat Who Said Cheese BR 10344**
by Lilian Jackson Braun
2 volumes
It is autumn in Pickax City, and Qwill, along with other residents, is preparing for the Great Food Expo—a festival of all kinds of happenings related to food. There is also a mysterious female guest at the New Pickax Hotel whose presence is causing quite a stir. But things really get hectic when a bomb explodes in the hotel and the intended victim seems to be the mystery guest. As usual, Siamese cats Koko and Yum Yum help solve the crime. Bestseller 1996.

**Blackening Song BR 10348**
by Aimee and David Thurlo
3 volumes
Ella Clah left the Navajo reservation to join the FBI and start a new life. When her father is murdered, she returns, against FBI rules, to the "Rez" to investigate. Her brother, a medicine man, is considered a suspect. In trying to clear his name, Ella feels the tug of two cultures and two ways of life. She must discover her own identity as she seeks that of the murderer. Some violence and some strong language. 1995.

**Interface BR 10349**
by Stephen Bury
5 volumes
William Cozzano is the perfect presidential candidate. An international network to whom the United States owes most of the national debt has taken him over, literally, with a microchip in his brain. The network can instantaneously feed the latest public opinions, obtained from the populace by wrist-worn polling units, directly into Cozzano. He's unbeatable—if nothing goes wrong! Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Alma BR 10350**
by Gordon Burn
2 volumes
Burn bases this 1991 Whitbread Prize novel on the life of Alma Cogan, a 1950s British singer who died of cancer in 1966. In Burn's tale, Alma is still alive in 1986, and she explores the complex relationship between her public and private life. Some strong language and some violence. 1991.

**The Lethal Partner BR 10351**
by Jake Page
2 volumes
Blind Santa Fe artist Mo Bowdre, from *The Stolen Gods (BR 10360)*, once again becomes involved in a murder investigation. Shortly after gallery owner Elijah Potts announces he has seven previously unknown Georgia O'Keeffe paintings, his gallery manager is killed and the paintings disappear. When Potts is arrested for her murder, he turns to Bowdre, who discovers a complex web of deceit and backstabbing. Strong language. 1996.

**Dance Hall of the Dead BR 10352**
by Tony Hillerman
2 volumes
Navajo police lieutenant Joe Leaphorn faces a mystery and a possible murder in the disappearance of a Zuni youth and his Navajo best friend shortly before an important annual Zuni religious ceremony. Beliefs, motivations, and actions of characters reveal the differences between the Navajo and Zuni cultures. 1973.

**Electricity: A Novel BR 10353**
by Victoria Glendinning
2 volumes
In Victorian England, the change of mores that broadens women's roles and the coming of technology that alters daily life are reflected in the notebooks of a young woman. Raised in a repressive household, Charlotte Mortimer becomes enamored of a young engineer who introduces electricity with a missionary zeal. Her infatuation pales after marriage, though, and she enters into a dangerous new liaison. 1995.

**Riding the Rap BR 10359**
by Elmore Leonard
2 volumes
Retiring bookie Harry Arno sends bounty hunter Bobby Deo to collect money owed him by Chip Ganz. Instead, Chip convinces Bobby to help him and ex-convict Louis Lewis kidnap Harry. Luckily for Harry, his former girlfriend Joyce is now dating federal marshal Raylan Givens. Raylan is not too thrilled with Harry, but he is a fair man and good at tracking people and escorting them to prison to "ride the rap." Strong language and some violence. 1995.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

## Nonfiction

**Bam Bam Bam BR 9948**
by Eve Merriam
1 volume
Slam, slam, slam goes the wrecking ball. Bam, bam, bam against a stone wall. Merriam's poem provokes the noise and violence of tearing down a building so a new one can take its place. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1966.

**Firebird BR 10009**
by Rachel Isadora
1 volume
Growing up, Prince Ivan heard of a magical tree in the forest by his castle. Although no one who tries to find the tree ever comes back, the prince decides to look for it himself. Just as he discovers the tree, a dazzling creature appears, "half woman, half bird, with feathers bright as flames. A Firebird!" PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1994.

**Cactus BR 10310**
by Carol Lerner
1 volume
Because they can hoard large amounts of water, cacti are called succulents. The part that holds the water is the green stem of the cactus. Lerner discusses some of the many types of cacti, how the cactus plant works, and where it grows. For grades 4-7. 1992.

**An Adventure in the Amazon BR 10326**
by The Cousteau Society
1 volume
The Amazon, the world's largest river, is four thousand miles long and travels through nine nations. Captains Jacques Cousteau and Jean-Michel Cousteau, along with more than fifty other crew members, spent two years studying the mighty river. They report on the people, plants, and animals that live

along and within its waters. For grades 3-6. 1992.

# Fiction

**Dear Bear BR 9942**
by Joanna Harrison
1 volume
While Katie is busy during the day, she doesn't think about the bear. But at night she worries that the bear will jump out of the closet under the stairs and grab her. Her mother tells her to write a letter to the bear asking it to go away. Then the bear writes back! PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1994.

**Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? BR 9944**
by Bill Jr. Martin
1 volume
A brown bear sees a red bird. What does the red bird see? Each animal sees another colorful animal until a goldfish sees a teacher, the teacher sees her class, and the class sees each one of the animals again. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1967.

**"Hi, Pizza Man!" BR 9946**
by Virginia Walter
1 volume
Vivian is very hungry and is having a hard time waiting for the pizza man. While waiting, she and her mother play a game about who might deliver the pizza. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1995.

**Arthur Meets the President BR 9947**
by Marc Brown
1 volume
Arthur and his classmates enter a nationwide essay contest on "How I Can Help Make America Great." When Arthur's essay wins, all of his friends and family are thrilled: they get to go to Washington, D.C.! But Arthur is too nervous to be happy because he has to give his speech to the president! PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1991.

**Once upon a Golden Apple BR 9950**
by Jean Little and Maggie de Vries
1 volume
"Once upon a time" is how most fairy tales begin, but not this one. And much to the amusement of the three bears, the seven dwarfs, and even the gingerbread boy, that isn't the end of it. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 1991.

**Turnip Soup BR 10003**
by Lynne Born and Christopher Myers
1 volume
One afternoon George's mother sends him down to the root cellar to get some potatoes so she can make potato soup for dinner. But when George comes back and tells her there is a dragon in the cellar eating all the vegetables, she thinks George just wants something different for dinner. Then his mother makes an interesting discovery. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1994.

**Night Becomes Day BR 10007**
by Richard McGuire
1 volume
The passage of time is depicted by a string of word associations, such as "cloud becomes rain" and "dream becomes good." Artwork shows how "wool becomes blanket" and "tree becomes paper." PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2 and older readers. 1994.

**Rites of Passage: Stories about Growing Up by Black Writers from around the World BR 10120**
edited by Tonya Bolden
2 volumes
Stories about young black people who are growing up in different parts of the world. In "Dreaming the Sky Down," a plump, awkward British girl faces her gym teacher's taunts by day, while at night she flies gracefully in her dreams. But is she really dreaming? Barbados, the United States, Jamaica, and South Africa are the settings for other stories. Some strong language. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**The Wimp of the World BR 10302**
by Alison Cragin Herzig and Jane Lawrence Mali
1 volume
Ten-year-old Bridget lives with her family at the Blue Moon Motel, which they own. When Bridget's triplet brothers devise a training program to make her less wimpy and Bridget learns she is to room with the new baby, she turns to her great-aunt Dawsie for help. But Dawsie announces she's getting married and wants Bridget to wear a frilly dress—something her brothers definitely won't approve of! For grades 3-6. 1994.

**The Abominable Snowman of Pasadena: Goosebumps BR 10303**
by R.L. Stine
1 volume
At twelve, Jordan has never seen snow and cannot even imagine what it is like, especially while living in sweltering Pasadena, California. When his father gets a photographic assignment in Alaska, Jordan and his sister, Nicole, are excited that they get to go too. Little do they know what is in store for them as they track the elusive and mysterious snow monster, the Abominable Snowman. For grades 4-7. 1995.

**Don't Open the Door after the Sun Goes Down: Tales of the Real and Unreal BR 10306**
by Al Carusone
1 volume
In the title story, Jarrel is hiking with his two cruel older brothers when a storm approaches. They come to an odd house and ask the old man living there if they can stay the night. He agrees but warns them not to answer the door after dark. In "Dog Days," a girl gets a strange replacement pet when a woman runs over her dog. Seven other spooky tales complete the collection. For grades 3-6. 1994.

**The Topiary Garden BR 10308**
by Janni Howker
1 volume
Liz Jackson, twelve, is spending the weekend with her father and older brother, Alan, at a motorcycle competition near Carlton Hall. Running away from her dad and Alan after they laugh at her for getting upset about a picture Alan drew in her sketchbook, Liz meets Sally Beck, ninety-one, who has an extraordinary tale to tell about her life at Carlton Hall. For grades 6-9. 1984.

**The Bus People BR 10318**
by Rachel Anderson
1 volume
Bertram wouldn't swap places with any of the other school bus drivers even though they call his route the "fruitcake run." First we meet a girl who has Down's syndrome as she learns a heartbreaking lesson at her sister's wedding. Then there are more portraits of Bert-

ram's special passengers: a child who uses a wheelchair, another who doesn't speak, and a boy who falls off his big sister's bike and damages his brain. For grades 5-8. 1989.

**Sable BR 10320**
by Karen Hesse
1 volume
Although ten-year-old Tate longs for a dog, her mother, who was attacked by a dog as a girl, refuses. When a weak, skinny stray wanders into their yard, Tate is surprised that her mother grudgingly puts up with the dog Tate has named Sable. Then Sable develops a habit of going off exploring and bringing back other people's belongings. Now Tate's mother wants to give Sable away. For grades 3-5. 1994.

**Chin Yu Min and the Ginger Cat BR 10340**
by Jennifer Armstrong
1 volume
The haughty wife of a rich official refuses help from her neighbors after her husband dies. But as she grows poorer and poorer, she finds she will soon be out of food. Then she meets a ginger cat who can help her gain her wealth back. When he disappears, the woman learns a useful lesson. For grades 3-6. 1993.

**Looking for Jamie Bridger BR 10354**
by Nancy Springer
1 volume
At fourteen, Jamie wants to know who her real parents are. Her question brings an unexpected and horrified response from her grandparents, with whom she lives. Jamie sets out to find some answers and discovers that her grandparents have a son whom they never discuss because he is gay. As Grandma begins to withdraw, Jamie becomes more determined in her search. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**Danger on Thunder Mountain: An American Adventure, Book 3 BR 10404**
by Lee Roddy
2 volumes
Ruby Konning, Hildy's cousin, arrives in California to continue searching for her father. After she and Hildy rescue a sheepherder from a group of tormentors, they show him a picture of Ruby's father. The sheepherder says he has never seen the man, but both Ruby and Hildy notice the look in his eyes. Sequel to *The Desperate Search (BR 10403)*. For grades 4-7. 1989.

**Hold Fast to Dreams BR 10413**
by Andrea Davis Pinkney
1 volume
Dee Willis, twelve, is not happy about moving from Baltimore to Wexford, Connecticut. Just as her friend Lorelle warned her, Dee is the only black student in her class. Her sister, Lindsay, fits in at her prep school by acting white and joining the lacrosse team. But Dee misses her double-dutch squad and isn't good at playing lacrosse. Will her hobby of photography and her one friend be enough to make school bearable? For grades 5-8. 1995.

# Handcopied Braille—Other Agencies

The following books have been hand transcribed for the library indicated with each entry and are available from that library for circulation throughout the country. Please write or call directly to the library indicated.

**LLB**
Lutheran Library for the Blind
1133 South Kirkwood Road
St. Louis, MO 63122
314-965-9000, 800-433-3954

## Adult Nonfiction

**From Full House to Empty Nest LLB**
by William L. Coleman
3 volumes
Advice on how to switch from being the parent of a child to being the parent of an adult. Tells how to use parenting skills to promote personal growth and enjoyment of life.

**Pressed Down but Not Forgotten LLB**
by H. Curtis Lyon and John Juern
2 volumes
Discusses the causes and spiritual roots of depression and offers answers to the problem. Includes Bible studies for dealing with depression.

**Sometimes I Feel like Running Away from Home LLB**
by Elizabeth Cody Newenhuyse
3 volumes
Offers insights for women who feel they have given until exhaustion. Provides simple, inexpensive, enjoyable ideas for putting energy back into life.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

**Asimov's Science Fiction** (monthly plus mid-December)
**Better Homes and Gardens** (monthly)
**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Journal of Physiotherapy** (British monthly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Braille Variety News** (monthly)
**Children's Digest** (for children, 8 issues)
**Consumers' Research** (monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])
**Fortune** (biweekly plus specials)
**Inside Sports** (monthly)
**Jack and Jill** (for children, 8 issues)
**Journal of Rehabilitation** (quarterly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Madam** (British monthly)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**New Beacon** (British monthly)
**The *New York Times* Large Type Weekly** (weekly)

**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
**PC/Computing** (monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
**Progress** (British monthly)
**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)
**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

The following sports schedules are also available:
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# In Brief

## Computer Diskette Edition Still Available

A computer diskette with both *Braille Book Review* and *Talking Book Topics* has been available as a pilot project during 1996. NLS has received many helpful comments from patrons who used the diskette, all supporting continuation of the diskette format. As a result, the diskette edition with both NLS publications will continue, with some improvements, as a part of the regular NLS program during 1997. If you are on the mailing list for the diskette edition, you will continue to receive it. If you are not on the list but would like to get *Braille Book Review* and *Talking Book Topics* on computer diskette, please contact your local cooperating library.

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Most of the recent "other agencies" listings in *Braille Book Review* have been from the Lutheran Library for the Blind, 1133 South Kirkwood Road, St. Louis, MO 63122, telephone (314) 965-9000, 800-433-3954.

## Sources of Braille Reading Materials

The reference circular *Sources of Braille Reading Materials* has recently been revised and is now available in large print. A braille edition is planned for later in 1997.

The circular lists United States sources of braille books and magazines available for loan, purchase, rental, or free distribution. The listing includes general and religious sources, jumbo braille, print-braille, major braille presses, and resources for further information. To receive a copy of *Sources of Braille Reading Materials*, contact the Reference Section, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, DC 20542. Specify the format you would like to receive. This reference circular is also available through the Internet by accessing the NLS home page at the address given above.

## Hadley School Catalog

The Hadley School for the Blind offers a new course catalog available in braille, recorded, and computer disk formats. The school provides tuition-free home-study courses to help blind people make successful transitions from one stage of life to the next. More than ninety courses are offered in six core areas: Academic and High School, Braille and Other Communication Skills, Independent Living and Life Adjustment, Recreation and Leisure Time, Technology, and Parent/Family Programs.

For more information or to request a catalog, contact The Hadley School for the Blind, 700 Elm Street, Winnetka, Illinois 60093-0299, telephone 800-323-4238.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Nonfiction

**Methods of Logic, Fourth Edition**
**BR 9822**
by W.V. Quine
4 volumes
A professor of philosophy states that it is his intention to "convey a precise understanding of the formal concepts of modern logic and to develop convenient techniques of formal reasoning." Quine's approach is to resort to novel techniques on occasion. But he uses scientific methods to arrive at his conclusions, which are, in this case, logical truths. He stresses the importance of implication in the development of one's powers of deduction. 1982.

**Uncommon Ground: Archaeology and Early African America, 1650–1800**
**BR 10141**
by Leland Ferguson
2 volumes
The author discusses the development of African American archaeology as a new field for unearthing the obscured culture of black slaves. Ferguson focuses on South Carolina with its early black majority and its excavated low country sites to show the complex social structure of the American plantation. He also discusses perceived academic racism as a barrier to the field. 1992.

**Julius Caesar BR 10164**
by William Shakespeare
3 volumes
Caesar's dearest friend, Marcus Brutus, is convinced that it is his patriotic duty to participate in the assassination of his megalomaniacal ruler. A historical drama, which can be interpreted on many levels, by the seventeenth-century English playwright. 1623.

**Antony and Cleopatra BR 10166**
by William Shakespeare
5 volumes
Early seventeenth-century historical tragedy about the love between a Roman soldier-prince and an Egyptian queen. Mark Antony provokes Cleopatra with his marriage to Octavia, the sister of his rival, Octavius Caesar. When the marriage and the political alliance break down, Antony returns to Egypt. In the ensuing battle, Antony suffers the loss of his military power, the respect of friends and followers, love, and even an honorable death. 1990.

**Solve Your Child's Math Problems: Quick and Easy Lessons for Parents BR 10179**
by Patricia D. Nordstrom
4 volumes
Math homework manual for parents of children in grades five through eight. Nordstrom introduces the skills emphasized in the 1990s, refreshes parents' memories by making connections with the math they learned, and teaches skills that may have been forgotten. Each chapter includes sample problems and how-to guides. Also includes a glossary and a collection of charts, tables, and shortcut strategies. 1994.

**Measure for Measure: A Musical History of Science BR 10193**
by Thomas Levenson
3 volumes
Account of how scientific thinking has been closely connected to music since the time of the ancient Greek Pythagoras, who discovered a relationship between mathematics, numbers, and sound. Levenson explores the parallel development of certain scientific and musical instruments. 1994.

**Being Digital BR 10195**
by Nicholas Negroponte
2 volumes
Negroponte explains the digital revolution by combining his knowledge of information technology, a style of writing that has made his column in Wired one of the magazine's most popular features, and his ability to envision possibilities for a future considerably changed by computers. 1995.

**Susan B. Anthony Slept Here: A Guide to American Women's Landmarks BR 10286**
by Lynn Sherr and Jurate Kazickas
9 volumes
Lists two thousand sites that reveal the broad range of contributions made by American women. Arranged by state and city, the citations include a brief history of each woman, place, or achievement. Molly Pitcher fought with bravery in New Jersey. Julia Morgan designed the Hearst Castle. The "Hawaiian riding dress" freed women from riding only sidesaddle. 1976.

**What to Expect When You're Expecting BR 10288**
by Arlene Eisenberg and others
7 volumes
In this expanded edition the authors detail the physical and emotional symptoms and medical tests and procedures pregnant women (including those with chronic conditions) are likely to experience before, during, and after pregnancy. The importance of avoiding harmful ingested or environmental substances is stressed and a Best-Odds Diet emphasizes the nutrients necessary for fetal health. Bestseller 1991.

**The Aeneid BR 10294**
by Virgil
5 volumes
Roman epic based on the legend of Aeneas, the Trojan prince whose descendants were supposed to have founded Rome. Traces the ancestry of Julius Caesar to the gods, and makes the greatness of Rome the subject of divine intervention and prophecy. 1992.

**Employee Benefits: Plain and Simple; the Complete Step-by-Step Guide to Your Benefits Plan BR 10296**
by James M. Jenks and
Brian L.P. Zevnik
3 volumes
The authors' suggestions for managing your employee benefits are to gain a foundation of knowledge on the subject, become familiar with every detail of your current employer's plans, sort through the options, and seize the opportunities that make sense to you. They discuss family benefits, retirement pensions, health benefits, legal rights, and more. 1993.

**Seven Plays BR 10301**
by Sam Shepard
3 volumes
Contains Shepard's 1979 Pulitzer Prize winner *Buried Child*; his first full-length play, *La Turista*; the rock drama *The Tooth of Crime*; *True West*; *Curse of the Starving Class*; and two plays Shepard wrote with Joseph Chaikin, *Tongues and Savage/Love*. The American playwright focuses on familiar aspects of modern everyday life, sometimes redefining theatrical elements or adding musical accompaniment. Strong language. 1981.

**Never Throw Out a Banana Again: And 364 Other Ways to Save Money at Home without Knocking Yourself Out BR 10313**
by Darcie Sanders and
Martha M. Bullen
2 volumes
Simple, sensible ways to trim dollars off your family budget by saving pennies. Suggestions cover the kitchen, family room, nursery, closets, backyard, garage, stores, and bank. Some hints: don't take the kids grocery shopping, keep a sponge in the fruit and vegetable drawer to absorb moisture, and use the library. 1995.

**Ken Hom's Chinese Kitchen: With a Consumer's Guide to Essential Ingredients BR 10317**
by Ken Hom
3 volumes
Recipes for soups, fish and shellfish, poultry, meats, eggs, vegetables, and rice and noodles, with a guide to ingredients used in Chinese and other Asian cooking. The listing for each ingredient includes a description and shopping and storage hints. 1994.

**Say Yes to Tomorrow BR 10323**
by Dale Evans Rogers and
Floyd W. Thatcher
1 volume
The author says that sometimes in today's world it is hard to say "yes" to God when so many bad things are happening. Rogers uses personal anecdotes and biblical tales to show how to look past the bad and to recognize the good that God gives every day in his gifts of joy, laughter, prayer, friendship, risk and difficulty, faith, hope, and love. 1993.

**The Last Three Minutes: Conjectures about the Ultimate Fate of the Universe BR 10325**
by Paul Davies
2 volumes
A physicist takes a light-hearted, yet grim, look at doomsday. As Davies speculates about the ultimate destiny of the universe, he conjures up various scenarios concerning nuclear consumption, the big-bang theory, cosmic catastrophe, and, of course, the fate of human beings. 1994.

**Equal Partners: A Physician's Call for a New Spirit of Medicine BR 10336**
by Jody Heymann
2 volumes
A week after she graduated from Harvard Medical School, the author bled into her brain and had a seizure. She describes the following year and a half during which she was both a doctor and a patient. Her experience led to her belief that doctors are ignorant of too many aspects of illness and patients' lives to work alone. They need their patients as equal partners. 1995.

**Bulfinch's Mythology: The Age of Fable BR 10347**
by Thomas Bulfinch
4 volumes
A reprinting of the 1855 classic with a foreword by professor Norma Lorre Goodrich. Harvard-educated Bulfinch, a successful businessman, set out to counter common ignorance of mythology by presenting the stories as a "source of amusement." He details Greek and Roman legends from Prometheus to Aeneas and touches on the stories of Thor, the Druids, and others. 1995.

**Making Hay BR 10372**
edited by Kenneth Jernigan
1 volume
In the title essay in this Kernel Book collection, National Federation of the Blind spokesperson Kenneth Jernigan tells of wanting to make hay during the summer as a young man. When he was turned down, Jernigan made and sold tables at a much higher rate of pay, proving there are many ways to "make hay." Other essays show that when blind people are given the right opportunities, blindness is reduced to the level of a physical nuisance. 1993.

**The Chicken Soup Book: Old and New Recipes from around the World BR 10414**
by Janet Hazen
1 volume
A bowl of steaming hot chicken soup has been used as a cure for the common cold as well as an antidote for depression, bad report cards, political unrest, and upset stomachs. Hazen provides guidelines for selecting, storing, and cooking chicken and for preparing both heavy and light stocks. Her recipes, which highlight the use of unique spices and herbs, include instructions for making "Jewish penicillin." 1994.

**Who Are the Blind Who Lead the Blind BR 10426**
by National Federation of the Blind
1 volume
The National Federation of the Blind is a "civil rights movement" that has grown since it was established in 1940. Biographical sketches of some of its current leaders are provided to illustrate their "qualifications to understand and solve the problems of blindness." 1995.

**Never Alone: A Personal Way to God BR 10431**
by Joseph F. Girzone
1 volume
Retired Catholic priest and author of the Joshua series, Girzone stresses understanding what Jesus believed and emulating how he lived. He portrays Jesus as a happy person, free from the grip of material things, unhealthy attachments to people, obsessive hang-ups, or neurotic needs. To cultivate a relationship with Jesus, Girzone pre-

scribes a "detached kind of prayer" rather than a demand for immediate response. 1994.

**China Today: How Population Control, Human Rights, Government Repression, Hong Kong, and Democratic Reform Affect Life in China and Will Shape World Events into the New Century BR 10433**
by Donald and Constance Shanor
3 volumes
The journalism professor and his wife, who lived in China in the 1984–1985 academic year and visited in 1987 and 1993, offer a general report of historical and 1980s events. They rely on academic and official sources and express optimism about China. 1995.

**Democracy on Trial BR 10435**
by Jean Bethke Elshtain
2 volumes
Essays first presented as part of the 1993 Massey Lectures by the University of Chicago ethics professor. A scholarly analysis of the 1990s threats to the U.S. democratic system and suggestions for preserving it. Elshtain calls for an end to divisiveness and win-lose politics. She advocates thoughtful disagreement and cooperative engagement. 1995.

**The World under My Fingers: Personal Reflections on Braille BR 10436**
edited by Barbara Pierce
1 volume
Aimed at convincing parents of children with low vision to expose them to braille. Firsthand accounts of people who have either depended on braille all of their lives or who were denied braille instruction and "have paid the price of that neglect for years." A contributor explains that reading print is like listening to a distant radio station with static, while reading braille is like sitting in a symphony hall. 1995.

**Stick a Geranium in Your Hat and Be Happy! BR 10464**
by Barbara Johnson
1 volume
Collection of five short essays regarding a person's relationship with God. Within each essay are sayings upon which the article hinges. Johnson's adages include "Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face" and "If there is no control, there is no responsibility." 1993.

# Fiction

**Kristin Lavransdatter: Volume 2, The Mistress of Husaby BR 10086**
by Sigrid Undset
4 volumes
Set in medieval Norway, the story of Kristin's stormy married life and her struggle to preserve an estate for her seven sons. Sequel to *The Bridal Wreath (RC 40412, BR 10085)*. 1925.

**Kristin Lavransdatter: Volume 3, The Cross BR 10087**
by Sigrid Undset
4 volumes
A historical novel set in fourteenth-century Norway, concerning Kristin's problems with her husband and children, her retirement to a convent, and the horrors of the Black Plague. Sequel to *The Mistress of Husaby (BR 10086)*. 1927.

**This Savage Race BR 10196**
by Douglas C. Jones
4 volumes
A historical western about the efforts of a pioneer family to carve out a better life for themselves. Mr. Jefferson was president when Boone Fawley took his

wife, his sons, and his sister and struck out from St. Louis. But instead of heading west, they made their way south into the Arkansas wilderness. The life they found was often wretched, but they met all difficulties with a resilient spirit. Some strong language. 1993.

**Raintree County BR 10207**
by Ross Lockridge Jr.
10 volumes
Epic novel describes a day in the life of a schoolteacher on July 4, 1892, when he participates in the holiday ceremonies in his small Indiana town. His meeting with two old boyhood friends sets off a series of flashbacks in which he relives his schooldays, Civil War experiences, and marriages. Some strong language. 1948.

**Microserfs BR 10245**
by Douglas Coupland
3 volumes
In 1993 Dan, twenty-six, works at Microsoft and worships Bill Gates. He and five other microserfs live in a group home and realize that they have to give up their entire lives if they want to work on cool projects. When gifted Michael breaks away to form his own company, he offers to take the others with him. They move in with Dan's mother and father (who has been laid off from IBM) and begin "coding" in earnest. Strong language. Bestseller 1995.

**Ulysses BR 10287**
by James Joyce
7 volumes
Epic novel that deals with a single day —June 16, 1904—in the life of Leopold Bloom, a Dublin advertising salesman. The stream-of-consciousness style and the use of interior monologues expose the personalities of the characters. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1922.

**Quiet-Crazy BR 10309**
by Joyce Durham Barrett
2 volumes
When depression causes her to stop working at a pants factory, twenty-eight-year-old Elizabeth Miller leaves her parents' home to go to a mental hospital. There she reflects on the problems she has with her domineering mother. When Elizabeth's older sister was four, Mrs. Miller accidentally ran over her. Thereafter Mrs. Miller acted strangely, especially toward her second daughter. Strong language. 1993.

**The Last Unicorn BR 10311**
by Peter S. Beagle
2 volumes
A beautiful white unicorn worries that she is the last of her species and so sets out in search of any surviving relatives. Accompanied by a second-rate magician and a sad, thin woman, the unicorn has fairy-tale adventures and finds her family enslaved by a wicked king. 1968.

**Nineteen Eighty-Four BR 10312**
by George Orwell
3 volumes
Classic dark satire written in 1949. In a future time under a totalitarian regime, the people believe ignorance is strength and war is peace. For senior high and older readers. 1949.

**Working Men: Stories BR 10316**
by Michael Dorris
2 volumes
Some of Dorris's working men, such as the pond-building protagonist of "The Benchmark," are long wedded to their jobs. Others experience spur-of-the-moment employment: a man's new wife encourages him to fake his way into a

position teaching high-school French in "Oui" and rescues him just as his fraud is about to surface. A returned draft dodger marries an older divorcée and buys a gas station rather than take a parent-pleasing path. 1993.

**Captain Hawaii BR 10319**
by Anthony Dana Arkin
2 volumes
Captain Dan's Zodiac Pirate Tours sounds exciting to Arron, who is a nature lover. Unlike his parents, he didn't come to Hawaii just to sit by the pool. And he is pleased that Kate, the captain's daughter, is pretty too. But then events erupt when a rival tour company tries to put Captain Dan out of business, involving Kate and Arron in the process. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**The Cat Who Ate Danish Modern BR 10321**
by Lilian Jackson Braun
2 volumes
Jim Qwilleran, a prize-winning reporter, and Koko, the Siamese cat with extraordinary talent and a flair for mystery, are joined by Yum Yum—a lovable Siamese adored by Jim and Koko. This unusual detective team investigates a very clever murderer. 1967.

**The Martian Chronicles BR 10324**
by Ray Bradbury
2 volumes
Science fiction classic covering the period from January 1999 through October 2026. Closely connected short stories chronicle repeated visits by humans to Mars. The Earth people attempt to create a new world, but they get an unfriendly reception from the Martians. For high school and older readers. 1958.

**Camaro City BR 10331**
by Alan Sternberg
2 volumes
Ten stories about working-class life in a Connecticut factory town. Work, however, is scarce and monotonous, so anything that breaks the routine is welcome. In the title story, the townspeople insist on buying Camaros, even though proliferation of the cars makes the town a target for professional thieves. And in "Blazer," a teenager hanging out in a fast-food parking lot sets himself afire. Some strong language. 1994.

**You Will Learn to Love Me BR 10333**
by Susan Chace
1 volume
Kate adores her small daughter, Eliza, but Kate realizes that she does not love Hank, her husband of eight years. Like Eliza's friend's mother who is dying, Kate must learn to withdraw, to say goodbye. Some strong language. 1994.

**The Last Known Residence of Mickey Acuña BR 10334**
by Dagoberto Gilb
2 volumes
Mickey Acuña is staying at the YMCA in El Paso because he needs an address where he can get mail. He is waiting for a check. But as the weeks go by and the check doesn't come, Mickey takes on odd jobs, finally ending up as the desk clerk at the YMCA. He then learns someone is tampering with the mail, and he soon suspects imminent disaster. Some strong language. 1994.

**Rain BR 10337**
by Kirsty Gunn
1 volume
Twelve-year-old Janey adores and mothers her little brother, Jim, who is

five. While her parents spend the summer socializing, Janey and Jim search for hidden places at the lake to play and picnic. Until the unthinkable happens. 1994.

**The Stolen Gods BR 10360**
by Jake Page
2 volumes
When Santa Fe gallery owner Walter Meyers is murdered, FBI agent Larry Collins tries to prove Meyers was involved in stolen Hopi religious symbols. Local blind sculptor Mo Bowdre is also intrigued with Meyers's death, especially when it turns out to peripherally involve his half-Hopi girlfriend. As the FBI track one lead across the Southwest, Bowdre turns to the reservation for clues. Strong language and some violence. 1993.

**MotherTongue BR 10362**
by Demetria Martínez
1 volume
His nation of El Salvador had chewed him up and spit him out. Mary, nineteen, met him at the New Mexico airport after he was smuggled into the country. It was up to her to help him adjust to life in the United States, but she had also decided she would fall in love with him. Now twenty years later, Mary explains to their love child why their love had no future. 1994.

**The Ghostway BR 10363**
by Tony Hillerman
2 volumes
Navajo Albert Gorman is injured in a shoot-out, and the other man dies. Albuquerque tribal policeman Jim Chee is with the FBI when they find Gorman's body at his elderly relative's hogan. The hogan's owner has vanished but not before mailing a warning letter to his granddaughter. The double-murder case is being handled by the FBI, but Chee conducts an investigation into the disappearance of the granddaughter. Some strong language and some violence. 1984.

**The Betrayal: The Fear Street Saga, Volume 1 BR 10368**
by R.L. Stine
1 volume
In Wickham Village, Massachusetts, in 1692, Susannah Goode and her mother are accused of witchcraft by Benjamin Fier, the father of the boy Susannah loves. They may be burned at the stake. And in 1900 in the village of Shadyside, Nora Goode stands before the Fear mansion listening to the screams of those trapped inside the blazing house. Prequel to *The Secret (BR 10369)*. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

**The Secret: The Fear Street Saga, Volume 2 BR 10369**
by R.L. Stine
1 volume
Wickham Village, Massachusetts, 1737. Ezra Fier and his family return to Wickham where Ezra vowed revenge against George Goode, the brother of Susannah Goode, who was burned at the stake. Now Ezra has found the Goodes at last. And in 1900 in the village of Shadyside, Nora Goode must continue to write the story of what happened in Wickham years earlier. Sequel to *The Betrayal (BR 10368)*. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

**The Burning: The Fear Street Saga, Volume 3 BR 10370**
by R.L. Stine
1 volume
New Orleans, 1845. Simon Fier has changed his name to Fear and moved to

New Orleans in hopes of escaping the curse that has afflicted his family for generations. But the curse seems to persist. And in 1900 in the village of Shadyside, Simon's grandson meets Nora Goode and they fall in love. Sequel to *The Secret (BR 10369)*. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

**Lando BR 10378**
by Louis L'Amour
2 volumes
After stewing for six years in a Mexican prison and becoming a bare-knuckle prizefighter, Orlando Sackett of Cumberland Hills will stop at nothing to get even with the men who betrayed him. Violence. 1962.

**Laughing Boy BR 10379**
by Oliver La Farge
2 volumes
A Pulitzer Prize-winning novel set in the Navajo Southwest of 1915. In telling the haunting story of the young lovers, Laughing Boy and Slim Girl, the author depicts the lives of the Indians from his experience as an anthropologist. Some violence and some strong language. For high school and older readers. 1929.

**What Kind of Love? The Diary of a Pregnant Teenager BR 10412**
by Sheila Cole
1 volume
In her diary, Valerie worries about her late period. She's fifteen and has had sex only once with her boyfriend, Peter, so surely she can't be pregnant! When Valerie is finally tested, it is too late for an abortion. Peter decides they should marry, but Valerie's happiness is cut short when their parents find out. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**The Tenth Insight: Holding the Vision, Further Adventures of *The Celestine Prophecy* BR 10416**
by James Redfield
2 volumes
In *The Celestine Prophecy (BR 9732)*, the author experienced nine ancient spiritual insights. Now he searches for the tenth insight as he looks for his friend Charlene Billings, who has disappeared into the Appalachian Mountains. Some strong language. Bestseller 1996.

**The Bluebird and the Sparrow BR 10427**
by Janette Oke
2 volumes
Berta gets a new playmate, a baby sister. But it is a long time before Glenna is old enough to play with, and her arrival upsets Berta's world. As they grow into young women, Berta finds herself resenting the lovely Glenna and vows to be her complete opposite. Berta soon drives a wedge between herself, the rest of the family, and her God. It will take a family tragedy to change Berta's attitude. 1995.

**When Death Comes Stealing BR 10429**
by Valerie Wilson Wesley
2 volumes
Now a private detective, Tamara Hayle quit her job on the police force when her young son, Jamal, was harassed by cops just because he was black. Her ex-husband, DeWayne Curtis, has four other sons, all by different women. When two of the sons die, DeWayne begs Tamara to find out if someone killed them. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Sights Unseen BR 10434**
by Kaye Gibbons
1 volume
Five years after Maggie Barnes's death at sixty-two, her daughter, Hattie Barnes, remembers the times before her manic-depressive mother was stabilized. Hattie and her brother were raised primarily by maid Pearl Wiggins, but they still had to ride out Maggie's storms. Some strong language. 1995.

**The Magic Village BR 10447**
by Rosanne Keller
1 volume
A book for new readers. After an earthquake destroys her village in Guatemala, Lupe moves to Arizona to live with her brother. She is lonely and wants to make friends, so she takes a job in a bakery. Even there Lupe feels left out. She consoles herself by making figurines from leftover dough, creating a tiny village. 1990.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Nonfiction

**Oh, the Places He Went: A Story about Dr. Seuss—Theodor Seuss Geisel BR 10330**
by Maryann N. Weidt
1 volume
Weidt recounts Geisel's life from his early days in Springfield, Massachusetts, through his death in 1991 at the age of eighty-seven. She describes the problems Geisel had getting his first book published; his marriage to Helen Palmer, whom he met at Oxford University; and his charitable activities. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1994.

**Breaking the Sound Barrier BR 10342**
by Nathan Aaseng
1 volume
A history of aviation showing how one test pilot after another gradually increased the speed of aircraft until on October 14, 1947, Chuck Yeager finally broke the sound barrier. Included in this account is information on other pilots such as Frank Whittle, Robert Goddard, Ezra Kotcher, and Lawrence Bell. For grades 6-9. 1991.

**A Pioneer Sampler: The Daily Life of a Pioneer Family in 1840 BR 10373**
by Barbara Greenwood
2 volumes
A year in the life of a fictional family, the Robertsons, shows how pioneers spent their days in the 1840s. Explains how to make maple sugar, what school was like, how the land was cleared and farmed, and much more. Provides proj-

ects to give modern-day children a chance to do things the way their ancestors did. For grades 3-6. 1994.

**Martin Luther King BR 10385**
by Rosemary L. Bray
1 volume
Born in 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, Martin Luther King Jr. became a minister and a civil rights leader. His nonviolent opposition to racial segregation included marches, boycotts, sit-ins, and speeches. For grades 2-4. 1995.

**Endangered Plants BR 10440**
by Elaine Landau
1 volume
Certain species of plants become endangered because of development such as shopping malls and highways, from overcollecting by plant suppliers, or from overgrazing by both livestock and wild animals. The author describes at-risk plants and tells what is being done to protect them. For grades 4-7. 1992.

# Fiction

**A Village Full of Valentines BR 10006**
by James Stevenson
1 volume
All the animals in the village are preparing for Valentine's Day by making valentines for someone special. Clifford has been waiting a long time for a valentine because he won't send one until he gets one. Murray is trying to make the world's most beautiful valentine, and Gus has a valentine for the whole village. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1995.

**Tops and Bottoms BR 10010**
by Janet Stevens
1 volume
Mr. Bear, who is quite lazy, and Mr. Hare, who is quite clever, are neighbors. But Mr. Hare and his family have a problem—they have no food, and they have sold their land to Mr. Bear to pay a debt, so they have no land on which to grow food. Then Mr. and Mrs. Hare have a wonderful idea. They will plant a crop on Mr. Bear's land and share it with Mr. Bear. All he has to do is decide if he wants the tops or the bottoms. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1995.

**The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses BR 10014**
by Paul Goble
1 volume
The tale of a young Native American girl who loved horses in a very special way. The people in her village noticed that she understood the wild horses and how the horses would follow her when she spoke softly to them. Although fond of her parents and her tribe, the girl would at last become one of the Horse People. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4 and older readers. Caldecott Medal. 1978.

**Officer Buckle and Gloria BR 10015**
by Peggy Rathmann
1 volume
Officer Buckle knows lots of safety tips, and he loves to share them with the students at Napville School. But nobody seems to listen to him. Then one day, the Napville police department gets a police dog—Gloria. Office Buckle takes her along the next time he goes to Napville School, and this time the children listen. But why? PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. Caldecott Medal. 1995.

**Shortcut BR 10016**
by David Macaulay
1 volume
When Albert and his horse, June, take a shortcut on their weekly trip to sell melons at the market, they set off a chain of comical events. By day's end, a pet pig has taken a surprise ride on a runaway train and a bird-watching balloonist has saved a cockatoo and fallen in love. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1995.

**Jeremy Kooloo BR 10017**
by Tim Mahurin
1 volume
Jeremy Kooloo loves milk, and when he sees four glasses of milk and a milk carton on the table, he can't resist having some. In fact, he has a lot! Discover in ABC order just what happens to Jeremy after that. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1995.

**Turandot BR 10018**
by Marianna Mayer
1 volume
Turandot is a princess in Peking, China, who does not want to marry. When her emperor father insists, Turandot comes up with harsh rules a suitor must follow to win her. After ringing the bronze gong in the square, he must correctly answer three riddles of her making or die. Even after many men are beheaded, a young stranger to the city is compelled to try for the princess upon seeing her. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**Darnell Rock Reporting BR 10315**
by Walter Dean Myers
1 volume
Darnell Rock isn't doing very well in middle school. It also turns out he's not participating in any school activities. So when the principal gets upset with him, Darnell decides to try working on the school paper. The person he chooses to interview is a homeless man who was in Vietnam with Darnell's father. Before long, Darnell's testifying in front of the city council! For grades 4-7. 1994.

**Cattail Moon BR 10322**
by Jean Thesman
2 volumes
Julia, fifteen, is studying to be a classical musician. Her mother disagrees, pushing her to change her image and to become a cheerleader. In desperation, Julia goes to live with her father and grandmother in rural Washington. During the school year, Julia learns a lot about herself and how to make her own decisions—thanks to a ghost. For grades 6-9. 1994.

**Coaster BR 10327**
by Betsy Duffey
1 volume
After his parents divorce, Hart and his adventurous father begin riding roller coasters together. This summer, while he waits for his father to come to town, Hart builds his own coaster with his friend. He also worries about the fact that his mother is dating an embarrassing weatherman named Dub, who is too chicken ever to ride a roller coaster. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**The Absolutely True Story: How I Visited Yellowstone Park with the Terrible Rupes BR 10328**
by Willo Davis Roberts
1 volume
The Dodge twins, Lewis and Alison, are thrilled when the Rupe family moves in next door, especially when the Rupes invite them to go along on a motorhome trip to Yellowstone Park. The trip

turns into a nightmare, but Lewis's account of it earns a big red A on his paper about "how I spent my vacation." For grades 3-6. 1994.

**Down Came a Blackbird BR 10329**
by Nicholas Wilde
2 volumes
When his alcoholic mother is hospitalized, thirteen-year-old James leaves London to stay with a great-uncle Greville he has never met. If this doesn't work out and if James doesn't stop pilfering things, he will be placed in foster care. Despite the kindness of housekeeper Sarah, James resents being at the old estate, and his chronic nightmares begin to have a recurring theme. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1991.

**Juliet Fisher and the Foolproof Plan BR 10332**
by Natalie Honeycutt
1 volume
Third-grader Juliet Fisher is a good student and very organized, but nobody seems to like her very much. When her teacher seats talkative, sloppy Lydia Jane next to her, Juliet realizes she is supposed to set a good example. But Lydia Jane doesn't improve, and Juliet can't stand listening to her. Juliet's only two friends suggest a plan: Juliet starts acting like Lydia Jane until the teacher moves her. For grades 3-6. 1992.

**Minnie BR 10338**
by Annie M.G. Schmidt
1 volume
Newspaper reporter Mr. Tibbs is told he will be fired if he doesn't stop writing about cats. But Mr. Tibbs is too shy to find a real news story. Then he meets Minnie, a young woman who claims to have been a cat. Indeed, she can talk to all of the neighborhood cats and even brings Mr. Tibbs news stories from her cat contacts. All she asks for is a box to sleep in and some food. Some strong language. For grades 3-6. 1992.

**Hooray for the Golly Sisters! BR 10361**
by Betsy Byars
1 volume
In this sequel to *The Golly Sisters Go West (BR 10157)*, May-May and Rose Golly have to get their horse and wagon across a big river so they can get to town to put on their traveling show. In other adventures, May-May makes the mistake of using pigs instead of rabbits in her magic hat act, Rose tries to sing and dance on a high wire, and the sisters also face a scary swamp. For preschool-grade 2. 1990.

**Dear Levi: Letters from the Overland Trail BR 10365**
by Elvira Woodruff
1 volume
In 1851 twelve-year-old Austin Ives sets off on the Overland Trail to find the land his late father claimed for him and his little brother, Levi. As he travels the almost three thousand miles from Pennsylvania to Oregon, Austin writes letters to Levi describing the friends he makes on the trail and the troubles the group encounters. For grades 4-7. 1994.

**Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky BR 10381**
by Faith Ringgold
1 volume
*In this companion to Tar Beach (BR 8940)*, Cassie Louise Lightfoot and her little brother, Be Be, are flying among the stars when they come across a ramshackle train. To Cassie's horror, Be Be boards the train. Then Cassie meets Harriet Tubman, who explains that Be Be will experience what their

great-great-grandparents did while escaping slavery by the underground railroad. For grades 2-4. 1992.

**Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Two Spies BR 10391**
by Donald J. Sobol
1 volume
Collection of ten more cases for Encyclopedia Brown to solve as he continues his war on crime in Idaville. In the title story, Encyclopedia helps his police chief dad figure out how two spies are passing information to each other. For grades 3-6. 1994.

**The Overland Escape: An American Adventure, Book 1 BR 10402**
by Lee Roddy
2 volumes
Ozark mountains, 1934. Hildy Corrigan, twelve, spent the night with her cousin Ruby. Returning home she finds the house empty and her stepmother, four younger sisters, and baby brother gone. Running to her grandmother, Hildy learns she has been left behind on purpose. Hildy is determined to find the children she promised to stay with forever. Prequel to *The Desperate Search (BR 10403)*. For grades 4-7. 1989.

**The Secret of the Howling Cave: An American Adventure, Book 4 BR 10405**
by Lee Roddy
2 volumes
Ruby Konning found her father, and they have paid off the mortgage on the land he bought. But troubles just seem to plague Ruby and her cousin Hildy Corrigan. Now Ruby is accused of helping a man steal a watch from a pawn shop, and her pet raccoon is missing. The watch is found but disappears again the next day, and this time Hildy is accused of being the thief. Sequel to *Danger on Thunder Mountain (BR 10404)*. For grades 4-7. 1990.

**The Flaming Trap: An American Adventure, Book 5 BR 10406**
by Lee Roddy
2 volumes
Hildy Corrigan, her cousin Ruby Konning, and Ruby's father have a chance to travel with the Farnham family from California back to St. Louis, where Hildy hopes to make peace with her grandmother. Vester Hardesty has continued his search for the girls and has shown up in California. Will the girls and Mr. Konning be able to make the trip and escape from Vester? Sequel to *The Secret of the Howling Cave (BR 10405)*. For grades 4-7. 1990.

**Terror in the Sky: An American Adventure, Book 6 BR 10407**
by Lee Roddy
2 volumes
Hildy Corrigan and Ruby Konning have returned to California from St. Louis and are eager to enter school. Hildy hopes to do well so she can go to college and become a schoolteacher. As usual the girls have their share of problems. Then the opportunity comes for Hildy to win an academic contest and the money for college. But some people don't want her to win. Sequel to *The Flaming Trap (BR 10406)*. For grades 4-7. 1991.

**Mystery of the Phantom Gold: An American Adventure, Book 7 BR 10408**
by Lee Roddy
2 volumes
When Mr. Farnham realizes gold is being stolen from the historic Mother Lode mine in California, he calls on Hildy, twelve, and her good friend Spud to help find the thief. Excited, Hildy

also enlists her cousin Ruby, and they all begin to gather information and to follow clues. Soon their detective work throws them into an unexpected, dangerous situation. Sequel to *Terror in the Sky (BR 10407)*. For grades 4-7. 1991.

**The Gold Train Bandits: An American Adventure, Book 8 BR 10409**
by Lee Roddy
2 volumes
Times are hard for the Corrigans and Konnings during the Great Depression. Someone has moved into the big house next to the shack Hildy's family lives in, and Hildy knows she has seen a young girl in the yard even though a gruff old man says he has no daughter. Ruby, Hildy, and Spud finally befriend Dixie Mae and learn some startling information about her family. Sequel to *Mystery of the Phantom Gold (BR 10408)*. For grades 4-7. 1992.

**High Country Ambush: An American Adventure, Book 9 BR 10410**
by Lee Roddy
2 volumes
As the Great Depression continues, Hildy's father is having trouble getting and keeping a job and is considering moving his family. But Hildy doesn't want to move and leave her friends behind. When Hildy witnesses men stealing cattle from her friend Brother Ben, she becomes part of a rugged adventure with a surprising twist at the end. Sequel to *The Gold Train Bandits (BR 10409)*. For grades 4-7. 1992.

**Nick of Time BR 10411**
by Anne Lindbergh
1 volume
Jericho, thirteen, lives at Mending Wall, a nontraditional school his father founded. He is in love with his best friend and fellow student, Alison, but she calls herself a hands-off experiment. Then Nick enters their lives by stepping through the school's kitchen wall. Nick lives in the museum of the school in the year 2094. Jericho, Alison, and another student, Bunny, begin visiting the future by passing through the wall. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**Out of the Storm BR 10415**
by Patricia Willis
1 volume
Before Mandy's father went off to war, he was saving to buy the Fulton place with the big front porch. But Mandy's father was killed, and Mandy, her brother, and her mother have moved to Great-aunt Bess's sheep farm. Mandy's unhappiness and homesickness are compounded by Aunt Bess's stern bossiness. But the sheep that she feared at first are becoming her friends and so are some of her classmates. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**Infield Hit BR 10423**
by Thomas J. Dygard
1 volume
It's not easy being the son of Ralph Stevens, one of the best third basemen who ever played major-league baseball. So Hal is relieved to move to a new town with his divorced mother because no one knows who his father is. The high school coach, also a former professional baseball player, tells Hal he's more suited for second base, even though Hal's father always encouraged him to play third. For grades 6-9. 1995.

**O the Red Rose Tree BR 10432**
by Patricia Beatty
2 volumes
Amanda and her friends attempt to find seven different shades of special red

cloth so that old Mrs. Hankinson can make the quilt of her dreams. The girls' search leads them to Dr. Perkins's red flannel chest protector and to a visiting opera star's red petticoat. For grades 5-8. 1972.

**Call Me Francis Tucket BR 10437**
by Gary Paulsen
1 volume
In this sequel to *Mr. Tucket (BR 10438)*, young Francis Tucket has parted ways with the mountain man who rescued him from the Pawnees. Francis is now heading alone to Oregon to find his family's wagon train. Along the way he is accosted by a thieving duo and makes three new friends: a mule and two orphaned children. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**Mr. Tucket BR 10438**
by Gary Paulsen
1 volume
In 1848 Francis Alphonse Tucket turns fourteen while he and his family are traveling from their Missouri farm to Oregon by wagon. As he shoots his new rifle, the wagon train rolls out of sight. Francis is kidnapped by Pawnees and held captive until one-armed mountain man Jason Grimes rescues him. Now Mr. Grimes has to teach Mr. Tucket to survive in the wild as he searches for his family. Prequel to *Call Me Francis Tucket (BR 10437)*. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**Low Tide BR 10439**
by William Mayne
2 volumes
Charlie and Elisabeth Snelling and their Maori friend Wiremu have gone fishing at their home in Jade Bay, New Zealand. A very low tide has left a larger expanse of beach than they have ever seen before, and atop a craggy rock is the long-lost ship Alexander. Just as the children reach the ship, a tidal wave carries them and the ship far inland to where a dangerous mountain man lives. For grades 4-7. 1992.

**Hiroshima BR 10442**
by Laurence Yep
1 volume
On August 6, 1945, the *Enola Gay* dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. Yep tells the story of Sachi, a young Japanese schoolgirl, and explains the short- and long-term effects of the explosion on her, her family, and her friends. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1995.

**Superbird to the Rescue BR 10452**
by Nancy Hayashi
1 volume
When Jesse Beeman hears that a department store is having trouble with shoplifters, he plans how he and his friend Walter will catch them. Jesse has a wonderful parrot named Zenith who always protects him. If the boys were to shout for help near a thief, Zenith would swoop down and help them. The only problem is that Jesse's mother won't let Zenith out of the house. For grades 3-6. 1995.

# Handcopied Braille–Other Agencies

The following books have been hand transcribed for the library indicated with each entry and are available from that library for circulation throughout the country. Please write or call directly to the library indicated.

**LLB**
Lutheran Library for the Blind
1133 South Kirkwood Road
St. Louis, MO 63122
314-965-9000, 800-433-3954

## Adult Nonfiction

**Growing in Grace LLB**
by Bob George
3 volumes
Using true stories and counseling situations, the author tells Christians how to grow in God's grace.

**Second Corinthians: The People's Bible Commentary LLB**
by David J. Valleskey
5 volumes
A Bible-study commentary for lay readers.

## Adult Fiction

**A Bride for Donnigan LLB**
by Janette Oke
5 volumes
Kathleen O'Malley responds to an ad and crosses the ocean to meet a total stranger and become a mail-order bride to Donnigan Harrison.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

**Asimov's Science Fiction** (monthly plus mid-December)
**Better Homes and Gardens** (monthly)
**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Journal of Physiotherapy** (British monthly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Braille Variety News** (monthly)
**Children's Digest** (for children, 8 issues)
**Consumers' Research** (monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])
**Fortune** (biweekly plus specials)
**Inside Sports** (monthly)
**Jack and Jill** (for children, 8 issues)
**Journal of Rehabilitation** (quarterly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Madam** (British monthly)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**New Beacon** (British monthly)
**The *New York Times* Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)

**PC/Computing** (monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
**Progress** (British monthly)
**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)
**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

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# In Brief

## NLS Catalogs Available This Spring

*Braille Books 1995–1996* and *Cassette Books 1996* will be available to patrons and libraries in large print this spring.

*Braille Books 1995–1996* is a catalog that lists braille books produced by NLS during 1995 and 1996. The catalog *Cassette Books 1996* lists books that NLS produced on cassettes in 1996. The special-format edition of each (*Braille Books 1995–1996* in braille and *Cassette Books 1996* on flexible-disc) will be released at a later date. The cassette version of *Cassette Books 1996* will be available on loan from your regional libraries, also at a later date.

Both catalogs list fiction and nonfiction books by subject category. They also include sections for bestsellers, young adult books, and Spanish books.

Readers who ordered *Braille Books 1995–1996* and *Cassette Books 1996* on their annual order forms should automatically receive their copies in the mail. Others may request these catalogs from their local cooperating libraries. These catalogs are also available through the Internet by accessing the NLS home page at http://www.loc.gov/nls

## NLS Publishes Bibliographies

NLS has published *Bestsellers 1984–1994*, a new bibliography listing books available in recorded and braille formats. *Bestsellers 1984–1994* features fiction bestsellers from the specified period that are available through the talking-book program. It features novels

by authors such as Danielle Steel, Barbara Taylor Bradford, Tom Clancy, Robert Ludlum, Stephen King, and John Grisham, among many others.

The large-print version of *Bestsellers 1984–1994* has been distributed, and the braille version, which lists only those titles available in braille, should appear in early spring. A cassette version will be released later this year and will list only those titles available in recorded formats.

Patrons who requested this publication on their annual order form will receive it automatically. If you did not order but would like a copy, contact your cooperating library. This bibliography is also available through the Internet by accessing the NLS home page at http://www.loc.gov/nls

## Magazine of the Month

The Magazine of the Month program offers readers a sampling of magazines not otherwise available through the NLS program. Each month subscribers receive a different flexible-disc magazine. Although the selections are subject to change, readers are currently scheduled to receive the following magazines this year. For a free subscription to Magazine of the Month, contact your local cooperating library.

Available magazines are:

*Compute* (information for microcomputer enthusiasts)

*Discover* (general science for all reader levels)

*Essence* (general-interest topics approached with an African American perspective);

*Exquisite Corpse: A Journal of Books and Ideas* (fiction, poetry, and nonfiction selections)

*Family Life* (activities, current issues, and concerns for modern parents)

*GreenPrints: The Weeder's Digest* (gardening essays and poems)

*Grit: America's Family Magazine* (ideas and entertainment for the whole family)

*Light* (verse, satire, puns, wordplay, and other light humor)

*Smart Money: The Wall Street Journal Magazine of Personal Business* (news and information of interest to individual investors)

*Successful Retirement: the Magazine to Keep You Young* (advice and ideas for retirees)

*Touring America: Travel in the USA, Canada, and Mexico* (focuses on rewarding and historical places to visit)

*Vegetarian Times* (celebrates vegetarian lifestyle and promotes healthful living).

## NLS Contracts for Validation of National Literary Braille Competency Test

NLS has contracted with Human Resources Research Organization (HumRRO) of Alexandria, Virginia, to validate the National Literary Braille Competency Test (NLBCT), which was released by NLS in 1994 as a method of evaluating the competency of braille instructors who teach blind children and adults.

The validation will document the NLBCT's ability to test an instructor's braille skills and verify the relevance of

skills tested to skills that need to be taught. The validation will also document the reliability of the NLBCT's four versions to ensure that a person would receive a comparable score regardless of the version taken.

The NLBCT was developed under Library of Congress auspices by a committee of experts at the request of major blind membership organizations in the United States. These groups were concerned that teachers of blind children and adults be skilled users of braille themselves. The test evaluates competence in writing braille with a slate and stylus and with a braillewriter, ability to read braille, and knowledge of braille code rules.

The validation process is divided into two parts. In the first part, the contractors will analyze the literary braille tasks that are performed by teachers in rehabilitation settings, in residential schools, and in mainstreamed classrooms and determine the degree to which the NLBCT assesses competence to perform these tasks. Second, the contractors will determine the reliability of the four versions of the NLBCT. The test will be administered to at least two hundred examinees, and the results will be analyzed to determine reliabilities and standard errors of measurement and also the difficulty and pass-fail decision equivalence for each version.

HumRRO is a nonprofit corporation engaged in research, development, and evaluation in the behavioral and social sciences. Its services are used to improve human performance and organizational effectiveness. The organization was first established at George Washington University in 1951 to carry out human resources research for the army. Its professional staff includes approximately sixty-five psychologists, statisticians, computer scientists, and technicians, and its areas of expertise include performance measurement, job analysis, the development of assessment instruments and methods, and certification testing.

HumRRO will submit recommendations based on the group's analysis. The validation process is expected to take two years.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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**Note:** For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

## Nonfiction

**The Man Who Grew Two Breasts and Other True Tales of Medical Detection BR 10456**
by Berton Roueché
2 volumes
Journalist Roueché describes ten cases that baffled doctors. In the title entry, a seventy-year-old man grows first one breast, then another. After his doctor runs multiple tests searching for signs of a tumor, the patient's wife solves the mystery. Another patient is an infant boy who makes his mother frantic with odd symptoms but is always fine at the doctor's office. 1995.

**Othello BR 10163**
by William Shakespeare
4 volumes
An early seventeenth-century play. Othello, a high-ranking Moorish soldier, marries Desdemona, daughter of a Venetian senator, who opposes the marriage. Othello wins over her family, but a frustrated ensign, Iago, sabotages his happiness by insinuating that Desdemona is having an affair with Cassio, another officer. Jealousy, racial overtones, confusion, fear, and lies eventually destroy love, honor, friendship, and respect. 1984.

**The Complete Lyrics of Ira Gershwin BR 10208**
by Ira Gershwin
12 volumes
The lyricist's collaboration with his brother, George, and other major twentieth-century composers made him a pillar of American music theater for more than fifty years. Arranged in chronological order, the collection contains hundreds of lyrics plus Gershwin's comments and anecdotes. 1993.

**Richard Wright: Early Works BR 10299**
by Richard Wright
8 volumes
This volume covers Wright's prose through 1940. The editor restores Wright's original manuscripts, which had been extensively changed for publication. Includes *Lawd Today!*, *Uncle Tom's Children*, *Native Son*, *How "Bigger" Was Born*, a literary chronology, and notes by Arnold Rampersad. Followed by *Richard Wright: Later Works (BR 10300)*. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1991.

**Richard Wright: Later Works BR 10300**
by Richard Wright
8 volumes
Presents Wright's complete autobiography for the first time, combining his childhood in the South *(Black Boy)* with his life as an adult in the North *(American Hunger)*. Also contains his 1953 novel *(The Outsider)*, a literary chronology, and extensive notes. Follows to *Richard Wright: Early Works (BR 10299)*. Violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1991.

**Four Seasons North BR 10341**
by Billie Wright
3 volumes
Wright's journal of her first year above the Arctic Circle in Alaska's Brooks Range, where she and her husband live in a twelve-foot-by-twelve-foot cabin on the edge of a lake. She writes of the majestically beautiful wilderness and its animals, the long summer days and long winter nights, and the feeling of isolation. Wright and her husband develop a new way of looking at life and gain much from lessons learned and attitudes unlearned. 1973.

**Building Basic Skills in Writing, Book 1 BR 10358**
by Contemporary Books, Incorporated
2 volumes
First of a two-book program designed to enable the reader to master the basics of writing well. This segment includes units on sentences, nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, and adverbs. A pretest and a posttest are also included. 1981.

**The Noodle Shop Cookbook BR 10364**
by Jacki Passmore
3 volumes
The author explains that in most of Asia, noodles compete with rice as the staple food. She provides a collection of recipes for noodle dishes from China, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Japan. Includes instructions on making egg, rice ribbon, and Japanese udon noodles; recipes for basic stocks; a glossary; and a chapter on vegetarian noodle dishes. 1994.

**Endangered Pleasures: In Defense of Naps, Bacon, Martinis, Profanity, and Other Indulgences BR 10366**
by Barbara Holland
2 volumes
Holland believes that "subtly, in little ways, joy has been leaking out of our lives." In this collection of essays, she offers praise for some of her favorite delights and encourages the reader to "reconsider pleasure at its roots." Her topics include waking up, coffee, the morning paper, bare feet, seasonal food, mail, travel, gardening, weekends, water, babies, and getting older. 1995.

**The Journals of Charles W. Chesnutt BR 10367**
by Charles W. Chesnutt
2 volumes
These diaries cover eight years in the life of Chesnutt, an African American who became a lawyer, a businessman, and an author. Beginning as a student in 1874, he records the details of his daily life along with his love of education, his hopes for a career, and his frustration with the lack of opportunity for educated blacks in the South during the Reconstruction. 1993.

**On Your Own: A Guide to Working Happily, Productively, and Successfully from Home BR 10380**
by Lionel L. Fisher
2 volumes
Fisher, a writer who works out of his home, focuses on the mental, emotional, psychological, and motivational challenges of working alone. Topics include getting organized, avoiding procrastination, promoting self-actualization, setting office boundaries, and befriending solitude. 1995.

**The Best of Spain: A Cookbook BR 10382**
by Evie Righter
1 volume
Not to be confused with spicy Mexican food, Spanish dishes use down-to-earth ingredients in unusual ways. A unique category is tapas, which are small portions served before lunch and again before dinner for "grazing." Included also are recipes for main meals and desserts. 1993.

**With My Trousers Rolled: Familiar Essays BR 10384**
by Joseph Epstein
3 volumes
Epstein's collection of sixteen essays covers topics such as the ownership of cats, his passion for serious music, our culture's use and misuse of language, his need for privacy, and the death of his mother. 1995.

**Panini, Bruschetta, Crostini: Sandwiches, Italian Style BR 10386**
by Viana La Place
1 volume
Panini are Italian-style sandwiches in which the bread encloses the ingredients. Bruschetta is a grilled bread that is the foundation for toppings (the original garlic bread). Round or square crostini are miniature, sophisticated kinds of bruschetta providing single bitefuls of flavor. Recipes are provided for making several versions of each type of sandwich. 1994.

**"I'll Work for Free": A Short-Term Strategy with a Long-Term Payoff BR 10424**
by Bob Weinstein
2 volumes
Instead of spending time searching for a job, the author suggests deciding which job you want and offering to work at it for free for a few months to prove you are worth a salaried position. He explains how to sell yourself in letters and interviews, how to ensure that you won't be stuck with gopher-type work, and how to pay the bills while working for free. 1994.

**Fifty-two Meat Loaves BR 10425**
by Michael McLaughlin
2 volumes
The author believes that sooner or later everyone feels the need for a little tender, loving care in the form of the delectable meat loaf. His recipes include the Classic Interstate Meat Loaf found in truck stops and diners across the country, meat loaves with an international flavor, and meat-loaf meals for health-conscious cooks. There are also gourmet-style creations and celebrity favorites. 1993.

**Pomes All Sizes BR 10443**
by Jack Kerouac
1 volume
Collection of poems written by the Beat author between 1954 and 1965. Offerings range from haiku to jottings to multipart poems, all marked by Kerouac's sound, rhythm, and hipness. The

Eastern philosophy and metaphysics are familiar Beat perspectives, the people mentioned are familiar Beat names: "Two Dharma Notes," "Letter to Allen 1955," and "Buddha." Strong language. 1992.

**Tisha: The Story of a Young Teacher in the Alaska Wilderness BR 10448**
by Robert Specht
3 volumes
Autobiography of Ann Hobbs as told to the author. In 1927 the nineteen-year-old woman went to teach in a one-room schoolhouse in the former gold-rush settlement of Chicken, Alaska. "Tisha" is the Indian children's pronunciation of "teacher." For junior and senior high and older readers. 1976.

**Science versus Pseudoscience BR 10449**
by Nathan Aaseng
1 volume
The author describes pseudoscience as a doctrine, belief, or fraud that is passed off as a science. He lists ten criteria to help determine if something is a science and measures such things as astrology, extrasensory perception, creation science, and alternative medicine against them. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**The Blue Jay's Dance: A Birth Year BR 10450**
by Louise Erdrich
1 volume
Beginning mid-pregnancy in midwinter New Hampshire, the reflections of poet-novelist Erdrich form a journal of her daughter's birth and first year. She observes the rhythms of nature outside her window, of her baby before and after birth, and of her own spirit, which is a synthesis of her Ojibwa and German cultures. Includes recipes for foods with special meaning for her. Some descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Willa Cather: Lives of Notable Gay Men and Lesbians BR 10455**
by Sharon O'Brien
1 volume
Born in 1873, Willa Cather supported herself as a journalist and a teacher before becoming a published novelist and winning the Pulitzer Prize. O'Brien, who uses Cather's letters as evidence that she was a lesbian, also discusses the author's intense relationships with other women and her gender-bending practices. For high school and older readers. 1995.

**Random Acts of Kindness BR 10487**
by Conari Press Editors
1 volume
Anonymous narrators describe acts of kindness given or received. These stories are supplemented with quotes on the subject from well-known historical figures. Includes suggestions for those who want to perform unexpected good deeds. Foreword by Daphne Rose Kingma and introduction by Dr. Dawna Markova. 1993.

**As a Child Grows BR 10550**
by Rosanne Keller
1 volume
Using language that is easy to understand and read, explains how children's needs change as they grow. Gives parents ideas about what to expect of their children and how to handle problems. A high-interest, low-vocabulary book; reading level grades 2-3. 1979.

**The Measure of a Man BR 10575**
by Martin Luther King Jr.
1 volume
Two meditations by the well-known American civil rights leader: "What Is

Man?" and "The Dimensions of a Complete Life," plus an excerpt from his April 3, 1968, speech. King calls upon his Christian heritage as he reflects on the nature of human existence and the moral duties of the individual. 1988.

# Fiction

**Finnegans Wake BR 10256**
by James Joyce
6 volumes
A controversial experimental novel first published in 1939. The book is apparently a dream sequence representing one night in the unconscious mind of a Dublin tavern keeper. Joyce's unique style makes extensive use of slang, arcane puns, and obscure allusions. 1939.

**Louisa May Alcott Unmasked: Collected Thrillers BR 10285**
by Louisa May Alcott
10 volumes
A collection of twenty-nine spellbinders dealing with the dark side of life by the author of *Little Women (BR 9758)*. Strong and beautiful women figure in complex plots, often involving an intriguing piece of jewelry or clothing. Themes include murder, struggles between the sexes, and narcotic addictions. Violence and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Rainbow's End: A Richard Jury Novel BR 10314**
by Martha Grimes
4 volumes
Scotland Yard's Superintendent Richard Jury has been called in to investigate the deaths of three women, all from "natural causes." The first victim, a young American from Santa Fe, New Mexico, died in Salisbury. The other two, who were British, died in London and Exeter. When Jury learns that all three had been in New Mexico at the same time, he is off to the U.S. to sleuth. Some strong language. 1995.

**The Far Side of the Dollar BR 10335**
by Ross Macdonald
2 volumes
Detective Lew Archer seeks a youth who escaped from a private school for delinquents. The search reveals the disturbing values of a California coastal society. 1964.

**A Visit to Highbury BR 10339**
by Joan Austen-Leigh
2 volumes
The great-great-great-niece of Jane Austen has taken some of the minor characters from Austen's *Emma (BR 8733)* and allowed them to come into the spotlight. Letters between Mrs. Goddard, the school headmistress in Highbury, and Mrs. Pinkney, her recently remarried sister in London, speculate on events in the lives of residents of both locations—especially a few romances. 1993.

**Selected Short Stories of William Faulkner BR 10343**
by William Faulkner
2 volumes
Thirteen short stories (most written in the 1930s) by the Nobel Prize-winning American novelist who died in 1962. In "Barn Burning," a man burns his enemies' barns, and his son tries to warn the victims. "That Evening Sun" recounts the tale of a black laundress who fears her lover after he learns she is pregnant by a white man. In "A Rose for Emily," a woman hides the corpse of her lover in an upstairs room. 1942.

**Now Face to Face BR 10371**
by Karleen Koen
6 volumes
1721. Financially ruined by her late husband's involvement in a scandal, Barbara Devane, twenty, flees to Virginia to grow tobacco on her grandmother's plantation. Meanwhile, George I and James III battle for control of the British crown. When a more mature Barbara returns to England, she becomes caught up in the Jacobite plots. Sequel to *Through a Glass Darkly (BR 6696)*. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1995.

**Surrender BR 10375**
by Amanda Quick
3 volumes
Victoria Huntington, twenty-four, is not above getting into mischief. With her friend Annabella, she plans to leave the ball and go to the fair, escorted by Annabella's brother. Fortunately he has confided in Lucas Colebrook, the earl of Stonevale, for the earl's presence will be needed. But Victoria is suspicious of the earl, because she fears all men are out to get her fortune. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1990.

**I Am an Artichoke BR 10376**
by Lucy K. Frank
1 volume
Sarah, fifteen, wants desperately to get away from her family for the summer. When she learns of a job as a mother's helper, it seems a dream come true. But writer Florence Friedman is not a typical mother, and Sarah can't understand why Florence needs help with her twelve-year-old daughter, Emily. Emily doesn't do anything except exercise and avoid food. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**The Price of Tea in China BR 10377**
by E. Shaskan Bumas
2 volumes
Eight stories that explore the struggles people have in defining their relationships—either to others or to their current circumstances. 1995.

**The King BR 10387**
by Donald Barthelme
1 volume
Satirical resetting of *Le Morte d'Arthur* during World War II. Lancelot, Guinevere, King Arthur, the Knights of the Round Table—they are all here. But now, while England is at war on several fronts, leaders from Germany, Italy, and the United States and even Winston Churchill interfere with the crusades. 1990.

**Lizard BR 10389**
by Banana Yoshimoto
1 volume
Collection of six stories, most featuring Japanese professionals who learn to blend traditional ways with modern values. In "Newlywed" a husband finds himself talking with a stranger on a commuter train; in the title story a man salvages his relationship with his lover when he talks about childhood secrets; and in "Helix" two young people, alone in an empty restaurant, discover they are an "archetypal couple." 1995.

**Listening Woman BR 10390**
by Tony Hillerman
2 volumes
Navajo detective Joe Leaphorn investigates the dual murder of an old soothsayer and a young girl, the bizarre kidnapping of a Boy Scout troop, and

attempts on his own life. Some strong language and some violence. 1978.

**Hostage to Fortune BR 10392**
by Elizabeth Chaplin
2 volumes
When housewife Susan Bentham wins a football pool of more than a million pounds, her attorney husband, Jeff, doesn't expect to change his own life much. He takes a mistress, buys a Rolls, and feels very lucky. But Susan quietly carries out a devious plan until their roles have completely reversed. Jeff is now jobless, in a house he didn't choose, with no money of his own. So he devises his own plan. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1992.

**The Stranger BR 10394**
by Albert Camus
1 volume
An existential novel, set in Algiers, about a man who resists any commitment, rendering his life meaningless. He does not react to his mother's death nor to a killing he commits, and he becomes a placid prisoner convicted of murder. His own impending death, however, leads him to some realizations. 1988.

**Presence of Mind BR 10397**
by Fred Hunter
2 volumes
Elderly Emily Charters recognizes the faces of two murder victims in the newspaper, but can't place them. When her friend Meg also dies, she finally remembers. They were three of a handful of people who attended a community play. She takes her findings to Detective Jeremy Ransom, who has been stumped by the first murder. He agrees there must be a connection, but why would anyone kill off an audience? Violence and some strong language. 1994.

**Payment in Blood BR 10398**
by Elizabeth George
3 volumes
Detective Inspector Thomas Lynley and Detective Sergeant Barbara Havers are investigating the murder of playwright Joy Sinclair. She and a group of theater people had gone to a remote Scottish estate for the reading of her play, and there she was murdered. Lynley's ability to solve the crime is hampered by the fact that the woman he loves is one of the suspects. Some strong language. 1989.

**Well-Schooled in Murder BR 10399**
by Elizabeth George
4 volumes
Scotland Yard Inspector Thomas Lynley is asked to look for a boy who has disappeared from boarding school. In deference to old school ties with the boy's housemaster, Lynley reluctantly agrees. He enlists the help of Detective Sergeant Barbara Havers and forensic scientist Simon Allcourt-St. James. When the missing schoolboy's body is found, their investigation uncovers some secrets in this privileged and loyal community. 1990.

**For the Sake of Elena BR 10400**
by Elizabeth George
4 volumes
Scotland Yard detectives Thomas Lynley and Barbara Havers are assigned to the murder case of Cambridge college student Elena Weaver, who was killed during her morning run along the river. Why had she told her running partner —her stepmother—that she was not

running that morning? Or had someone else used the visual display telephone, pretending to be the deaf Elena? Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1992.

**Hidden Fires BR 10417**
by Sandra Brown
3 volumes
Lauren Holbrook, daughter of a preacher, leaves her North Carolina home and comes to Texas to work for Ben Lockett. But when she arrives, she learns that Ben died that very morning. Now what is she to do? When Ben's wife, Olivia, asks Lauren to enter an in-name-only marriage with son Jared, Lauren agrees but suspects the motives behind the request. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. 1982.

**The Peculiar People BR 10419**
by Jan de Hartog
3 volumes
The final novel, covering the 1830s, in a trilogy on the Quakers in the United States. The struggles within the church are chronicled through the lives of Mordecai Monk, who becomes a Society of Friends evangelist, and Lydia Best, an Indiana schoolteacher who champions the rights of Indians and escaped slaves. Sequel to *Peaceable Kingdom (BR 2590)*, but can stand alone. Some descriptions of sex. 1992.

**The Scout BR 10422**
by Harry Combs
6 volumes
In this sequel to *Brules (BR 9399)*, narrator Cat Brules recounts his days as an Indian scout with the U.S. Army. Describes in detail Custer's debacle against the Sioux, the army's pursuit of the Nez Perce, and other brutal events. Strong language and violence. 1995.

**The Devil's Heart BR 10428**
by Carmen Carter
3 volumes
Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the crew of the *Enterprise* investigate the suspicious deaths of a team of Vulcan archaeologists on a barren planet. As a result, Picard finds the Devil's Heart, a legendary artifact that imparts unimaginable power to its possessor. It is an object that many are willing to kill for, and even a man of Picard's character may not be able to resist its seductive powers. A Star Trek: The Next Generation novel. 1993.

***Pudd'nhead Wilson* and *Those Extraordinary Twins* BR 10430**
by Mark Twain
3 volumes
Two novels by an American humorist. In *Pudd'nhead Wilson* Twain provides a complex, ironical, and morally disturbing account of human nature under slavery as a brilliant and inventive nineteenth-century lawyer attempts to prove his case by using the newfangled science of fingerprinting. *Those Extraordinary Twins* is about Siamese twins who share many amusing problems. 1894.

**Spare Parts BR 10444**
by Rick Hanson
2 volumes
Ex-cop turned sculptor Adam McCleet lives in fear of his sister Margot. Now Margot is demanding that Adam find the latest of her many husbands, orthodontist Phillip Stang, who went to Seattle for a convention but failed to check in with her. This is so uncharacteristic of the staid Phil that Adam reluctantly agrees to go to Seattle to play detective.

Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Valley of the Sun: Frontier Stories BR 10446**
by Louis L'Amour
2 volumes
Nine short stories about the gunmen, gamblers, outlaws, and tough men- and womenfolk of the old West. In "We Shaped the Land with Our Guns," sixteen-year-old Rye Tyler loads his guns and polishes his reputation to defend the ranch. In "Valley of the Sun," Brett Larane is double-crossed and left to die by his riding partner. Violence. 1995.

**The Gift BR 10453**
by T. Davis Bunn
1 volume
Grace Mendez, middle-aged and very devout, has finally given in and entered the hospital to have her hip operated on. While she is recuperating, Leslie Denton, an independent and ambitious young woman, becomes her roommate. Leslie, who broke her ankle on an escalator and just happened to be rescued by Grace's son, at first has no time for Grace and her love for God. But as the two become friends, each finds herself growing in spirituality. 1994.

**Bay of Sorrows BR 10458**
by Gaylord Dold
2 volumes
For Deputy Sheriff Tom Poole, life has become as suffocating as the acrid and thick air on the Texas Gulf coast. He is tired of corpses, but he knows that the old Vietnamese fisherman shot through the head was not a suicide, contrary to the bloated sheriff's decree. Even clashes between local and Vietnamese shrimpers don't account for what Poole begins to uncover. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Star Wars: Darksaber BR 10460**
by Kevin J. Anderson
3 volumes
Luke Skywalker and Han Solo return to the desert planet Tatooine on a quest to restore Jedi powers to Luke's beloved Callista. Meanwhile, the Hutt crime syndicate, headed by Jabba's successor, Durga, is building a new death star to terrorize the galaxy, and the ever-vengeful Admiral Daala of the Empire is marshalling forces to crush the New Republic. Sequel to *Champions of the Force (BR 10104)*. Bestseller 1995.

**Journey to Love BR 10471**
by June Masters Bacher
1 volume
After her mother dies, Rachel Buchanan watches her father drink away her inheritance. His sober moments are spent trying to find a wealthy man to marry Rachel. Horrified, Rachel asks Colby Lord to take her with him on a wagon train to Oregon Territory. Like Rachel, Colby is a Christian, and he agrees to help her escape. He suggests a marriage in name only to keep other men from bothering her. 1985.

**Dreams beyond Tomorrow BR 10472**
by June Masters Bacher
1 volume
In this sequel to *Journey to Love (BR 10471)*, Rachel and Colby's marriage of convenience has yet to be consummated as the wagon train arrives at its Oregon destination. Colby must now travel to Portland to finalize plans for the city he will build. Rachel and her adopted daughter remain with the other settlers and Rachel's friend Yolanda, whose family settled there earlier. But a

traitor from the trail threatens everything, even the young women's friendship. 1985.

**Tomorrow, When the War Began**
**BR 10509**
by John Marsden
2 volumes
A group of Australian teenagers decide to spend a week in the bush instead of attending the annual fair with their families. At their remote campsite, they notice an unusual number of planes flying over but think nothing of it until they return home. There they find their families gone, their pets left to die, and the phones and electricity out. Some violence. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1993.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Nonfiction

**Flying with the Eagle, Racing the Great Bear: Stories from Native North America**
**BR 10345**
by Joseph Bruchac
1 volume
In this companion volume to *Girl Who Married the Moon (BR 10192)*, Bruchac focuses on the transition from boyhood to manhood. The collection of sixteen stories recounts the customs of tribes such as the Iroquois, Wampanoag, Cherokee, Apache, Pueblo, Lakota, and Cheyenne. For grades 5-8. 1993.

**J.M. Barrie: The Magic behind Peter Pan**
**BR 10374**
by Susan Bivin Aller
1 volume
Barrie, who was born in Scotland in 1860, loved to play games and write stories. He knew he didn't want a "hum-dreadful-drum profession" and decided to become a writer. He moved to London and at twenty-eight had his first real publishing success. With a friend's family of boys as inspiration, Barrie went on to write the play *Peter Pan*, which has been popular since it first opened in 1904. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**Turn of the Century: Our Nation One Hundred Years Ago BR 10383**
by Nancy Smiler Levinson
1 volume
On New Year's Eve 1899, America celebrated not only a new year, but a new century. Levinson looks at the country as it was in 1900 and then shows ways in which people's lives began to change. Topics include the growth in the use of the railroad, automobile, and telephone and the evolution of large cities as America turned from an agricultural

country into an urban one. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1994.

**What Does the Crow Know? The Mysteries of Animal Intelligence BR 10393**
by Margery Facklam
1 volume
Alex the African grey parrot can say what is the same and what is different about a blue bead and a blue key. Ruby the elephant paints a picture of the fire truck that comes to her zoo. Malia the dolphin makes up amazing tricks each day to get more treats. These are examples of how animals think, remember, and learn. For grades 3-6. 1994.

**Cystic Fibrosis BR 10441**
by Alvin Silverstein and others
1 volume
Cystic fibrosis (CF) is the most common inherited disease among Caucasians. The disease causes healthy tissue in the pancreas to be replaced by fibrous scars and fluid-filled cysts. Thick, sticky mucus builds up in the lungs and digestive system. Improved treatments now allow more than half of CF patients to live past childhood. Genetic research is giving scientists hope for a cure. For grades 6-9. 1994.

**Sweet Corn: Poems BR 10454**
by James Stevenson
1 volume
Collection of twenty-eight poems on topics such as a tree house, old windows, a ladder, a screen door, a summer storm, a photo album, and an old dog. In "Roadside Stand," the author finds sweet corn (in season) a good reason to be happy. In "Bike Rental" he enjoys the experiences of a ride in the country and gets to keep his memories even though the rental bike must be returned. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**Genetics and Human Health: A Journey Within BR 10457**
by Faith Hickman Brynie
1 volume
To explore how traits inherited from past generations affect people living today, the author examines the genes that reside in the nucleus of a cell. She explains how Gregor Mendel proved with pea plants that genes are either dominant or recessive. Now, scientists use this method to identify the genes responsible for various diseases as they look for cures. For grades 6-9. 1995.

**Birds, Beasts, and Fishes: A Selection of Animal Poems BR 10461**
compiled by Anne Carter
1 volume
Fifty-one poems all have one thing in common: animals. There are poems about cats, bats, octopuses, fish, lizards, lions, and many other species. Poets include Robert Browning, Ted Hughes, D.H. Lawrence, Ogden Nash, and William Blake. For grades 3-6. 1991.

**Looking at Bears BR 10479**
by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent
1 volume
When bears are born they weigh less than a pound, but they can grow to stand ten feet tall on their hind legs. A zoologist describes the different kinds of bears in the world, including polar bears, black bears, and grizzlies, and tells what they eat. For grades 3-6. 1994.

**Brainstorm! The Stories of Twenty American Kid Inventors BR 10541**
by Tom Tucker
1 volume
A look at twenty inventions, covering more than two hundred years of history,

by young people ranging in age from five to nineteen. The inventions include earmuffs, colored car wax, popsicles, flippers, resealable cereal boxes, a rotary steam engine, and a safety device to keep children from getting their fingers mashed in doors. Includes a section on how to protect your own great ideas. For grades 5-8. 1995.

# Fiction

**The Bear BR 10011**
by Raymond Briggs
1 volume
As Tilly sleeps with her teddy bear, a huge polar bear comes in through her window. He's friendly and quiet, although he takes up most of the bed. Best of all, Tilly's parents don't seem to mind when she tells them about her new guest. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1994.

**Coyote and the Magic Words BR 10012**
by Phyllis Root
1 volume
The Maker-of-all-things was tired when she finished creating the world with words, so she closed her eyes and slept. Meanwhile, when her creatures needed something, they had only to speak the magic words. But Coyote played tricks and stirred up trouble, making so much noise that he woke up the Maker-of-all-things. She decided there would be no more magic words, except when Coyote told stories. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1993.

**Missing Sisters BR 10388**
by Gregory Maguire
1 volume
Alice Colossus, who lives in an orphanage run by nuns, has trouble hearing and speaking clearly. At summer camp she is surprised to be mistaken for another girl named Miami. Alice tracks Miami down and, sure enough, it is like looking in a mirror. But Miami has a great life with parents, three other adopted siblings, perfect hearing, and perfect speech. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**The Eagle Kite BR 10396**
by Paula Fox
1 volume
Liam's father has AIDS. He tells Liam that it came from the blood transfusion he got three years ago when he had an operation. But Liam knows blood transfusions are safe now. He remembers a time when he was flying the eagle kite his father gave him, and he saw his father embracing a young man. And he sees the anger in his mother's face. For grades 6-9. 1995.

**In the Land of the Big Red Apple BR 10418**
by Roger Lea MacBride
2 volumes
In this sequel to *Little Farm in the Ozarks (BR 10161)*, Rose Wilder and her parents endure a cold, icy winter that threatens their young apple orchard. But the year is not all hardship. For her ninth birthday, Rose gets a mule to ride to school and names him Spookendyke. Also, a new love begins for their farmhand, and the Wilders experience the true spirit of giving at Christmas. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**The Forestwife BR 10451**
by Theresa Tomlinson
2 volumes
A retelling of the legend of Maid Marian and Robin Hood. Mary de Holt, fifteen, simply can't marry the elderly widower with rotten black stumps of teeth

and breath that smells of sour ale whom her uncle has chosen for her. So she escapes into the forest and is soon joined by her maid, Agnes. They take refuge among others on the run: a group of defrocked nuns and the Forestwife—a role Mary will eventually adopt. For grades 5-8. 1993.

**Away to Me, Moss BR 10459**
by Betty Levin
2 volumes
Zanna's mother gives speech and physical therapy to Rob Catherwood, a sheep farmer who had a stroke. Zanna becomes attached to Rob's border collie, Moss. Now that Rob is out of commission, no one on the farm pays any attention to Moss. As Zanna proves that Moss is still a good worker, she learns valuable lessons from both Moss and Rob. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**The First Four Years BR 10462**
by Laura Ingalls Wilder
1 volume
The author described her childhood in a series of books beginning with *Little House in the Big Woods (BR 4442)*. Now she tells of the first years she and her husband, Almanzo Wilder, spent together on a homestead on the Dakota prairie in the late 1800s. This story follows *These Happy Golden Years (BR 4443)*. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1971.

**The Winds of Mars BR 10463**
by H.M. Hoover
1 volume
Teenager Annalyn Court is the daughter of the president of Mars and the commander of a star-probe vessel. She knows neither of her parents, but while in the military academy, she is sent a protector robot by her mother. Annalyn's half-brother Evan tells her the president and his children are replaced by androids at death. Annalyn is glad to have her robot as she tries to determine who is human and who is not. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1995.

**Starshine and Sunglow BR 10465**
by Betty Levin
1 volume
Each summer the residents of Flint Farm Road look forward to the sweet corn grown by Mr. and Mrs. Flint. This year, however, the Flints have decided not to grow any corn. They are tired of having to share their crop with the blackbirds, crows, and raccoons. But the children on Flint Farm Road—Kate, Ben, and Foster—come up with a plan to save the corn from the animals. For grades 3-6. 1994.

**Pedro's Journal: A Voyage with Christopher Columbus; August 3, 1492–February 14, 1493 BR 10468**
by Pam Conrad
1 volume
Because he has been taught to read and write, Pedro de Salcedo has been selected to sail with Christopher Columbus on his first voyage to America. During the trip Pedro keeps a journal of what happens and what he sees as the ship crosses the Atlantic. Pedro recalls leaving his mother for the first time, the first sighting of land, and how he sank the *Santa Maria*. For grades 4-7. 1991.

**Climb or Die BR 10476**
by Edward Myers
1 volume
The Darcys are headed to their Colorado mountain cabin when a blinding snowstorm arises and a slippery road sends them crashing into a tree. Both parents are seriously injured, so it is up

to Danielle, fourteen, and Jake, thirteen, to go for help. Their only hope for survival is to reach the weather station atop Mount Remington. Danielle took a course in mountain climbing during the summer, but can they make it with little equipment? For grades 6-9. 1994.

**The Bones in the Cliff BR 10483**
by James Stevenson
1 volume
Pete and his father are on the run because someone is after his father. They are staying on an island for the summer, but Pete must check the ferry every day to make sure a man with a cigar doesn't arrive. Pete meets Rootie, an eleven-year-old girl who summers at the island every year. With her Pete can explore, play games, and forget about the danger —until the cigar man arrives. Some strong language. For grades 4-7. 1995.

**Little House on the Prairie BR 10510**
by Laura Ingalls Wilder
2 volumes
A family moves westward from Wisconsin in a covered wagon and builds a cabin on the Kansas prairie right in Indian territory. Sequel to *Little House in the Big Woods (BR 4442)*. For grades 4-7. 1935.

**Curtis Piperfield's Biggest Fan BR 10538**
by Lisa Fiedler
1 volume
At fourteen C.C. spends her days in St. Bernadette's Catholic School for Girls thinking about her crush on her neighbor Curtis. It doesn't matter that he's skinny and only in the eighth grade. He's planning to be a rock star, and C.C. is already his biggest fan. Meanwhile C.C.'s best friend, Cluck, has been in love with her his whole life even though all of C.C.'s friends are crazy about him. Some strong language. For grades 6-9. 1995.

**Courtyard Cat BR 10542**
by C.S. Adler
1 volume
Lindsay, eleven, and her family have moved to Schenectady, New York, so her three-year-old brother Garth can be near the doctors who will fix his face, hurt in an accident for which Lindsay feels responsible. But Lindsay doesn't like the city and their cramped, dark apartment. Nor does she like having to look after Garth all day while her parents work. But they do have a courtyard in which to play, and some nice neighbors. For grades 4-7. 1995.

**Falcon's Egg BR 10546**
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Eleven-year-old Falcon Davies is in Central Park when she finds a most unusual egg. It is large and red and hot to the touch. She tells only three adults: her neighbor Ardene, who agrees to house the egg; her great-aunt Emily; and Emily's friend, who is an ornithologist. They all agree they have no idea what it is, and they think it would be best to keep it secret. When the egg finally hatches, they realize they were right. For grades 4-7. 1995.

**Star of Fear, Star of Hope BR 10547**
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In 1942 French schoolgirls Helen and Lydia are best friends. When the German army invades France, Lydia has to wear a yellow star on her coat. Lydia sleeps over the night before Helen's ninth birthday, but must leave in the middle of the night when they learn

that people with yellow stars are being arrested. For grades 2-4. 1995.

**Tarantula Shoes BR 10548**
by Tom Birdseye
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As if moving across country isn't bad enough, Ryan, almost twelve years old, learns, to his horror, that he will go to the junior high where sixth graders are picked on. His only hope is to be cool and get a pair of Slam Dunk Sky Jumper basketball shoes. But where will he get the $124.99, plus tax? He works hard to earn most of it yet is still short. Then he makes a star out of Fang, his pet tarantula, but things never go smoothly! For grades 3-6. 1995.

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by Diane Stevens
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Eighth grader Liza Brody admires the family of her hard-of-hearing best friend, Chloe, but is unhappy with her own. Her mother spends all of her time writing in a journal, her father travels a lot and is having an affair, and her little sister got the good looks and personality. Even Liza's grandmother calls her plain vanilla, and when Liza writes an impressive paper, her teacher accuses her of plagiarizing. For grades 6-9. 1995.

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**Popular Communications** (monthly)
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**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
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**Update** (NLS quarterly)
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# In Brief

## Letter from National Advisory Group

The members of the National Advisory Group on Collection-Building Activities wish to thank their fellow patrons and librarians for their input on the NLS program. Please be assured that your ideas and suggestions were thoroughly discussed and incorporated into the recommendations that the committee made during its deliberations in September 1996. Addition of a recommended book is a time-consuming process because of the many production and quality-checking steps in the audio recording and brailling processes. Do not let these time constraints discourage you from making suggestions.

The NLS National Advisory Group represents you. Please continue to assist us by contacting committee members or your cooperating library with your suggestions. Input from patrons is a key ingredient in the success of our program. The group meets again at NLS on September 10–12, 1997.

Copies of committee recommendations from its last meeting and NLS responses to the suggestions are available upon request by writing to Consumer Relations, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, DC 20542 or by e-mail to nls@loc.gov. Please indicate whether you prefer large-print, audio cassette, or braille format.

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# Reference Circular on Braille Materials Now Available in Braille

The Reference Circular Sources of Braille Reading Materials is now available in braille. It lists places where braille books and magazines can be purchased, rented, borrowed, or obtained free of charge.

The circular is divided into five sections: general sources, religious sources, specialized sources for jumbo braille and print-braille, major braille presses and transcription sources, and resources for further information.

The publication compiles information gathered from catalogs and literature of other agencies and organizations who responded to an NLS Reference Section survey. The circular is also available in large print and online at http://www.loc.gov/nls

# Student Financial Assistance

An audio publication giving information on academic financial assistance for disabled students is now available from network libraries. The guide, produced by the U.S. Dept. of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education, is in the form of a conversation between a disabled student and a counselor from the Federal Student Aid Information Center. In their dialog, the student and specialist discuss federal financial aid programs and also talk about state and private sources of funds for eligible students.

For a cassette copy of the publication, contact your cooperating library. For a copy in compact-disc format, write Student Aid Audio Guide, Federal Student Aid Information Center, P.O. Box 84, Washington, DC 20044.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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**Note:** For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

## Adult Nonfiction

**The Life of Graham Greene, Volume 2: 1939–1955 BR 10240**
by Norman Sherry
6 volumes
A detailed, documented account of the British writer's most creative years. Greene juggles relationships with his wife and mistresses, struggles with his religious beliefs, seeks out areas of political conflict, and works as a spy. Sherry points out how Greene's experiences are reflected in his novels and plays. Follows *Graham Greene, Volume 1: 1904–1939 (BR 8344)*. Some violence. 1995.

**Grains: Seventy-six Healthy Recipes for Barley, Corn, Rye, Wheat, and Other Grains BR 10395**
by Joanne Lamb Hayes and Bonnie Tandy Leblang
1 volume
The authors explore using barley, corn, kamut, millet, oats, rye, spelt, teff, triticale, and wheat as well as nongrains amaranth, buckwheat, and quinoa and provide nutritional information, basic grain recipes, dishes for every meal, and mail-order sources for grains. Recipes include couscous salad, pilaf, and flat bread. 1995.

**Chocolate and the Art of Low-Fat Desserts BR 10421**
by Alice Medrich
3 volumes
After years of creating rich chocolate desserts, Medrich was asked to teach a class on dishes having less than 30 percent of calories from fat. She has compiled recipes of her successes, which include lemon mousse cake, chocolate biscotti, flan with brandied prunes, and fallen chocolate souffle torte. Includes a chapter on healthy dessert basics such as sauces, sponge cakes, and pastries. 1994.

**The Place He Made BR 10466**
by Edie Clark
2 volumes
As her marriage was ending, writer Edie Clark became attracted to the carpenter working with her husband. A quiet, gentle man who lived with his father, Paul Bolton had a reputation in the community as being odd. Edie describes their unusual courtship and the happy early days of their marriage. Then Paul is diagnosed with cancer, and the couple spends the next few years

fighting the disease. Some strong language. 1995.

**Giving Away Simone: A Memoir BR 10469**
by Jan L. Waldron
2 volumes
When the author was seventeen, she gave up her biracial baby, Simone, for adoption. Eleven years later Waldron met Simone (now named Rebecca), and the mother and daughter began to forge a relationship. Waldron describes the factors in her own life that led to the adoption (she was essentially abandoned by her mother who was an adoptee herself) and the hurdles that she and Rebecca have had to overcome. 1995.

**Spotted Dick, S'il Vous Plâit: An English Restaurant in France BR 10470**
by Tom Higgins
2 volumes
Tom Higgins, a translator, and his doctor wife, Sue, dream of owning an English restaurant in Lyon, an area noted for its fine French cuisine. Higgins describes the trials and tribulations of dealing with the French, who considered English fare a bad joke. The restaurant, which opened in 1986, proved a great success. Includes several recipes. 1995.

**Living Fences: A Gardener's Guide to Hedges, Vines, and Espaliers BR 10477**
by Ogden Tanner
2 volumes
Living fences can screen and camouflage and act as property-line boundaries or partitions. Discusses selected species for deciduous and evergreen hedges, annual and perennial vines, and fruit-bearing and ornamental espaliers. Provides tips on choosing, planting, training, and caring for living fences. 1995.

**Knitting with Dog Hair: A Woof-to-Warp Guide to Making Hats, Sweaters, Mittens, and Much More BR 10480**
by Kendall Crolius and
Anne Black Montgomery
2 volumes
To the authors and experienced spinners, dog hair is "merely another nifty fiber to experiment with" when making yarn. They describe the yarn potential of different breeds and tell how to gather and card hair and spin it on a simple device. Includes knitting instructions for various garments and a directory of spinners who work with dog hair. 1994.

**Far-Flung Hubbell BR 10481**
by Sue Hubbell
2 volumes
Like a favorite guest at dinner, journalist Hubbell tells thirteen stories of her travels around America, flavoring them with humor and history. In focusing on the specific—whether it is a great pie, a magician convention, or the demise of dime stores—she reflects an America that is familiar and down-to-earth and has an interesting background. Many of the pieces were published in *The New Yorker.* 1995.

**The American Bar Association Guide to Wills and Estates: Everything You Need to Know about Wills, Trusts, Estates, and Taxes BR 10482**
by The American Bar Association
2 volumes
Explains that a person's estate consists of real estate, tangible personal property such as cars and furniture, and intangible property such as pensions, bank accounts, and insurance. Guidelines for estate planning include information on wills, trusts, and living wills

and cover common estate-planning situations. 1995.

**Portuguese Cooking: The Authentic and Robust Cuisine of Portugal; Journal and Cookbook BR 10485**
by Carol Robertson
1 volume
The author and her husband fell under the spell of the quiet, beautiful Portuguese country and its friendly people almost at once. As they traveled throughout Portugal, they kept a diary of the places they visited and the meals they ate, along with many recipes. This collection offers a glimpse into the country and its people, and includes recipes for many of the meals the Robertsons enjoyed. 1993.

**Moms Don't Get Sick BR 10488**
by Pat and Ben Brack
1 volume
When Pat Brack is diagnosed with breast cancer, her youngest son, Ben, is ten years old. Mother and son alternately talk about their reactions to Pat's illness and treatment, and Ben's initial anger when the cancer recurs three years later. 1990.

**Murder on the Highway: The Viola Liuzzo Story BR 10496**
by Beatrice Siegel
1 volume
The author tells of Viola Liuzzo, a white mother of five from Detroit who felt compelled to join the 1965 civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. After marching with blacks to obtain their right to vote, Liuzzo gave a fellow marcher a ride home. Ku Klux Klan members shot and killed Liuzzo as she was driving, making her the first white woman killed in the movement. For senior high and older readers. 1993.

**Two Old Women: An Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage, and Survival BR 10504**
by Velma Wallis
1 volume
Based on an Athabaskan Indian legend the author heard from her mother. Ch'idzigyaak, seventy-five, and Sa', eighty, are members of a migratory tribe. The winter has been harsh, and food has been scarce. So the tribe leader decides to abandon the two old women when it is time to move on—after all, they will soon die anyway. But the pair take courage and decide they will die trying to survive. 1993.

**A Third Serving of Chicken Soup for the Soul: 101 More Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit BR 10515**
by Jack Canfield and
Mark Victor Hansen
3 volumes
The authors provide even more stories to "inspire and motivate you to love more unconditionally, live more passionately, and pursue your heartfelt dreams with more conviction." Topics include love, parenting, attitude, and wisdom. Sequel to *A Second Helping of Chicken Soup for the Soul (BR 10090)*. Bestseller 1996.

**Old Dogs and New Tricks BR 10517**
edited by Kenneth Jernigan
1 volume
Stating that "it is never too late to learn new techniques and new ways of thought," Jernigan presents examples of himself and other members of the National Federation of the Blind doing just that. A woman learns to knit, a couple adopts a daughter, and a new deacon serves communion. 1996.

**Biography of the Blind: Including the Lives of All Who Have Distinguished Themselves as Poets, Philosophers, Artists, &c. &c. BR 10518**
by James Wilson
3 volumes
Collected and edited by Kenneth Stuckey from the four original editions of 1821 through 1838. "Offers insights into the lives of blind people before the great emancipators of the blind," says Stuckey. Subjects include Homer, Milton, Handel, and many others. 1995.

**Nature's Numbers: The Unreal Reality of Mathematical Imagination BR 10535**
by Ian Stewart
2 volumes
Describes the beauty of mathematics and explains it as a formal system of thought for working with patterns. Using clear and accessible language and everyday experiences, Stewart writes for the lay person without oversimplifying. Regarding deduction of scientific theories he says, "Mathematics is to nature as Sherlock Holmes is to evidence." 1995.

**Historic Speeches of African Americans BR 10539**
edited by Warren J. Halliburton
2 volumes
Excerpts from noted speeches focus on slavery, emancipation and reconstruction, renewed racial strategies, the civil rights revolution, and assessment after the revolution. Speakers include Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, James Baldwin, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Shirley Chisholm, Angela Davis, and Jesse Jackson. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1993.

**My Own Two Feet: A Memoir BR 10557**
by Beverly Cleary
2 volumes
This sequel to *A Girl from Yamhill (BR 9166)* covers the children's author's life from the time she began college until shortly after her first book, *Henry Huggins (BR 7178)*, was published. Although money was tight, Cleary went away to college in California where she met her future husband, Clarence, then to Washington where she learned to be a children's librarian. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1995.

**My Dog Skip BR 10573**
by Willie Morris
1 volume
The author tells how he grew up in a small southern town in the 1940s with a dog that could run football patterns and, it was believed, drive a car. The author demonstrates his evocative storytelling skills in this tribute to his dog, Skip. 1995.

# Adult Fiction

**The Collected Stories of Louis Auchincloss BR 10420**
by Louis Auchincloss
4 volumes
Collection of nineteen short stories written between 1949 and 1994. Himself a Wall Street lawyer, Auchincloss is of the world of upscale New York City, and, like his major influences Edith Wharton and Henry James, he examines the mores and strictures of that society. His often-ironic approach provides insights into seemingly insular characters with a strong code of manners and ethics. Some strong language. 1994.

**Mister Touch BR 10445**
by Malcolm Bosse
5 volumes
A dark tale in which a virus has destroyed civilization, leaving a decayed world of ill people and wild dogs. The Skulls, a group of survivors, is lead by Mister Touch, a sleazy Wall Street criminal, who is named for his blindness. He leads a caravan on a dangerous epic journey to Arizona, where they hope to start a new civilization. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1991.

**The Longest Winter BR 10467**
by Julie Harris
3 volumes
John Robert Shaw, twenty-four, was attempting a long solo flight when his biplane crashed on an Alaskan island in 1926. He was nursed back to health by Kioki, an Eskimo woman. As years pass, Shaw slowly adopts the ways of the Native Americans. Seventeen years later, when the island is evacuated by soldiers, a scarred, one-armed Shaw returns to see what is left of his life in South Carolina. 1995.

**Seasons of Love BR 10473**
by June Masters Bacher
1 volume
In this sequel to *Dreams beyond Tomorrow (BR 10472)*, pioneer Rachel Lord mourns the death of her newborn daughter. But she soon returns to teaching, realizing that "God was pointing out a path of service that would ease her sorrow." Meanwhile Rachel's husband prepares their grand new home, and the neighbors learn that gold has been found near their Oregon town. 1986.

**The Edge of the Crazies BR 10474**
by Jamie Harrison
3 volumes
Archaeologist Jules Clement has returned to his hometown of Blue Deer, Montana, at the edge of the Crazy Mountains, where he follows in his late father's footsteps as sheriff. He finally has a case of substance when someone shoots screenwriter George Blackwater through his office window. George survives, but when his bitter wife becomes a target, she is less fortunate, which eliminates her as Clement's main suspect. Strong language and violence. 1995.

**Thirteen Stories BR 10478**
by Eudora Welty
2 volumes
A collection of short stories celebrating "the lyrical impulse" by the award-winning southern storyteller. Although the settings and moods are regional, Welty's theme of the changing mystery of human relationships does not limit itself. In "The Wide Net" a young, pregnant wife's pique sets off a community effort to drag the river. A spoiled, conniving sister is to blame in "Why I Live at the P.O." Contains two winners of the O. Henry Award. 1965.

**The Value of Kindness BR 10486**
by Ellyn Bache
2 volumes
A collection of sixteen short stories about ordinary women whose middle-class lives are graced by kindnesses given or received. In the title story, Cora finds a sense of importance through anonymous gifts of her time and respect. This collection won the Willa Cather Fiction Prize in 1992. Some descriptions of sex. 1993.

**Dream Spinner BR 10489**
by Joanne Hoppe
2 volumes
When Mary Barrone's widowed father remarries, the new family moves into an old Victorian house. For a high school project, Mary decides to experiment with lucid dreaming—willing herself to fly in her dreams. She succeeds, and night after night finds herself flying around her house but during an earlier time in history. She becomes involved with former residents of the house and tries to alter history. For junior and senior high readers. 1992.

**Much Ado about Prom Night BR 10493**
by William D. McCants
1 volume
Becca Singleton left her high school paper to start a peer counseling program for her classmates. It is successful but her much-admired former editor keeps writing critical articles about the program. To make matters worse, Becca's boyfriend cheats on her, and her counseling is not helping her brother cope with their parents' divorce. Meanwhile, Becca and her friends agonize over the upcoming prom. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**Pippa Passes BR 10494**
by Rumer Godden
2 volumes
The romance of Venice captures the imagination of Pippa on her first tour with the ballet company. At seventeen, she is a beautiful ingenue and enjoys captivating a handsome gondolier. She learns, however, that there is a darker side to attractiveness in the same way that there is a gritty side to Venice and to life itself. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Ronicky Doone's Treasure BR 10498**
by Max Brand
2 volumes
"Horse-breaker, mischief-maker, adventurer by instinct," Ronicky Doone loves a good fight, especially when it's for an underdog. As reward for helping Hugh Dawn and his daughter escape the savage revenge of gang leader Jack Moon, Doone is invited to share in the search for the gold Dawn is hunting. But first they must get past the vicious Jack Moon. Some violence. 1922.

**Rattlebone BR 10499**
by Maxine Clair
2 volumes
Rattlebone is a mostly black community outside of Kansas City, Kansas. Eleven interconnected stories tell of Rattlebone in the 1950s and feature Irene Wilson as she comes of age. Entries focus on the troubled marriage of Irene's parents, the death of a boy who has a crush on Irene, and Irene's falling for a boy from an unusual settlement by the railroad tracks. 1994.

**Farm Team BR 10506**
by Will Weaver
2 volumes
The high school baseball coach has hopes for Billy Baggs, but Billy's farm chores take priority over ball. Then Billy's father is sent to jail, and Billy knows his baseball days are over. But Billy's mother has an idea: Why not start a team that holds games Friday nights after chores? The odd assortment of players, including Billy's dog, are soon good enough to challenge the town team. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**Under My Skin: A Hannah Wolfe Mystery BR 10507**
by Sarah Dunant
2 volumes
London private investigator Hannah Wolfe is hired when someone begins sabotaging Castle Dean, a women's health spa. Hannah soon identifies the staff member who put maggots in the yogurt and pulled other pranks to ruin business. But whoever paid the saboteur has also targeted the spa owner's plastic-surgeon husband and is still at large. Some strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Faces in the Moon BR 10522**
by Betty Louise Bell
1 volume
"I was raised on the voices of women. Indian women." So begins the story of Lucie, who has returned to Oklahoma as her mother is dying. Memories of three generations of women talking around the oilcloth-covered table fill Lucie, reminding her of changes in the Indian culture over time. Stories told over and over shine down on her, just as her grandmother had promised to watch down from the moon after she died. 1994.

**Pandora's Clock BR 10529**
by John J. Nance
4 volumes
After American 747 flight 66 leaves Germany, a passenger has a heart attack. Pilot James Holland is shocked when London refuses to let him make an emergency landing. The passenger was exposed to a mysterious virus and no country (not even the United States) wants to handle a possible epidemic. Doctor Sanders of the CIA is Holland's only real ally, but Sanders must convince the pilot of that in time to save him. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1995.

**Balboa Firefly BR 10531**
by Jack Trolley
2 volumes
Six months ago, San Diego police sergeant Tommy Donahoo received an anonymous note warning that the airport, which has caused property values to plummet in the Balboa Park area, must be relocated. The note was written by desperate realtor Joseph Foley, who has multiple personalities and plans to shoot a plane out of the sky. What Foley and Donahoo don't realize is that someone else is hatching a similar plan. Strong language and violence. 1994.

***Walking the Dog* and Other Stories BR 10533**
by Bernard MacLaverty
2 volumes
Nine short stories that explore unsettling aspects of Irish life. In the title story, a man is kidnapped by the IRA while walking his dog and is disgustedly released. In both "Compensations" and "Just Visiting," the main characters must deal with the impending death of a loved one. Strong language. 1994.

**The Book of Hrabal BR 10536**
by Péter Esterházy
2 volumes
Esterházy looks at the changes taking place in countries once behind the iron curtain through the eyes of a writer, his wife, and two angels. Anna is pregnant with her fourth child and wants to have an abortion. Her husband, who is writing a book about Czech author Bohumil

Hrabal, objects. So does God, who sends two angels to keep an eye on Anna to make sure she does not have the abortion. Some strong language. 1993.

**When She Hollers BR 10540**
by Cynthia Voigt
1 volume
One morning Tish warns her stepfather, Tonnie, that she is carrying a knife at all times. Her mother ignores the conversation. As Tish walks to school with the knife tucked in her boot, she thinks about Miranda, the classmate who hanged herself last week. Tish knows she and Miranda shared the same problem, but Tish doesn't want to die. Some strong language. For high school and older readers. 1994.

**Blood Dance BR 10545**
by James William Brown
2 volumes
On an isolated Greek island, the village is steeped in tradition and gossip of the past and present. Amalía is a young, strong-willed woman who wants desperately to escape the island's hold, but the ties are powerful. The story is told several times by different people, and each telling has its own link to the past. The author is American, but lived in Greece for ten years. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 1993.

***Bone by Bone*: Stories BR 10549**
by Gary Krist
2 volumes
Collection of thirteen short stories whose characters are middle-class Americans. In the title story, a woman cuts herself off from the outside world and retreats into insanity. In "Baggage," a young man reflects on his insensitivity in leaving his girlfriend, who uses a wheelchair. "Eclipse" relates a divorced father's outing with his sons to watch a solar eclipse. Some strong language. 1994.

**Alphabetical Africa BR 10553**
by Walter Abish
1 volume
A unique telling of a mystery tale. Alex, Allen, and Alva arrive in Antibes in the first chapter, which consists only of words beginning with the letter "a." Each chapter progresses a letter, until the story reaches Zambia and Zanzibar. Each subsequent chapter deletes a letter until "Africa another alphabet." In the process, a murder mystery punctuated with kinky sex is solved. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1974.

**The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes BR 10559**
by Arthur Conan Doyle
3 volumes
Originally published in 1927, this was Doyle's last collection of stories featuring Sherlock Holmes. The twelve cases include "The Illustrious Client," "The Veiled Lodger," and "Thor Bridge." Includes an introduction by editor W.W. Robson and Doyle's chronology. 1993.

# Books for Children

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## Children's Nonfiction

**175 Amazing Nature Experiments**
**BR 9938**
by Rosie Harlow and Gareth Morgan
3 volumes
Activities, projects, experiments, games, and crafts to investigate how nature works. Most suggestions need only common materials to help one discover how things grow; learn about small creatures, trees, and leaves; and find out why the seasons change. For grades 3-6. 1991.

**Listen for the Bus: David's Story**
**BR 10021**
by Patricia McMahon
1 volume
It's David's first day of kindergarten at the public school. With the help of his teacher and classmates, David, who is blind and has a hearing impairment, finds his classroom and participates in all the activities. After school, David does more things that are fun, like horseback riding. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 1995.

**What Do Authors Do? BR 10023**
by Eileen Christelow
1 volume
Authors get ideas for their books at strange moments and in unusual places. Rufus, a dog, and Max, a cat, are each owned by an author. Follow Rufus and Max as they each watch and inspire their masters with an idea for a book and see it through to publication. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1995.

**Ezra Jack Keats: A Biography with Illustrations BR 10024**
by Dean Engel and
Florence B. Freedman
1 volume
As a small boy in Brooklyn, Ezra Keats loves to draw. His father objects, afraid Ezra will become a starving artist. When his father dies, Ezra must give up an art scholarship to support the family. He keeps painting, though, and is a success with children's books. One he writes and illustrates, *The Snowy Day (BR 4677)*, wins the Caldecott award in 1962. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**The Book of North American Owls**
**BR 10475**
by Helen Roney Sattler
1 volume
The large eyes of an owl take up more space in the owl's head than its thimble-sized brain. Because owls can't roll their tube-shaped eyes, their necks are extremely flexible, allowing them to turn their heads backwards or upside down. Humans are the main enemies of owls. The author discusses these and other facts about owls and describes members of the two owl families. For grades 4-7. 1995.

**Many Thousand Gone: African Americans from Slavery to Freedom BR 10492**
by Virginia Hamilton
1 volume
Collection of sketches tracing the history of African Americans from the earliest days of slavery to the Emancipation Proclamation. Relates the lives of Ukawsaw Gronniosaw, a prince born in Africa, and other African Americans who struggled for freedom, including Elizabeth Freeman, Nat Turner, Sojourner Truth, Dred Scott, Harriet Tubman, and Frederick Douglass. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1993.

**The Hidden Life of the Desert BR 10629**
by Thomas Wiewandt
1 volume
Description of how plants and animals have learned to live within the limits of the five seasons of the northern part of the Sonoran Desert in the American Southwest. Creosote, saguaro cactus, paloverde, and century plants provide food and shelter for rodents, insects, lizards, toads, coyotes, and bighorn sheep. For grades 4-7. 1990.

**Cowgirl Dreams: A Western Childhood BR 10632**
by Jennifer Owings Dewey
1 volume
The author tells of growing up on her architect father's New Mexico ranch in the 1950s. Her father is often angry and doesn't understand, but ranch foreman Bill helps her learn about life and raise Jerome, a pig who is the runt of the litter. For grades 4-7. 1995.

# Children's Fiction

**Time for Bed BR 10013**
by Mem Fox
1 volume
The book opens with a mother about to read a bedtime story to her child and ends with the mother saying good night and tucking her sleepy child into bed. In between, other mothers say good night to their babies: a mouse, goose, cat, cow, horse, fish, sheep, bird, bee, snake, dog, and deer. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1993.

**Switch Cat BR 10019**
by Garry Disher
1 volume
A scruffy girl's sleek cat, Evangelina, prefers the well-groomed neighbor girl, Cecilia. Likewise Cecilia's untidy cat, Ms. Whiz, prefers Evangelina's owner. When Cecilia's family moves away, all four pine for their better matches. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1994.

**The Long Silk Strand BR 10020**
by Laura E. Williams
1 volume
After supper one night, Yasuyo joins Grandmother as she begins to wind strands of silk thread into a ball. Each night the ball gets larger as Grandmother adds more thread and tells Yasuyo a story about each piece of thread. When Grandmother dies, Yasuyo finds a strand of silk thread hanging from the sky. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1995.

**The Library Dragon BR 10022**
by Carmen Agra Deedy
1 volume
Miss Lotta Scales, the new librarian at Sunrise Elementary School, is a dragon

who fiercely protects her books. Children are afraid to go to the library because she might singe them, and teachers can't stand up to her. Finally, a small, nearsighted girl enters the library, picks up a book, and begins to read out loud. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1994.

**Later, Gator BR 10484**
by Laurence Yep
1 volume
Teddy hates the fact that his little brother Bobby is so well behaved. He always tries to get a rise out of Bobby by giving him unlikable birthday presents, but this year Teddy's mother insists he buy Bobby a turtle. Teddy compromises by buying Bobby a baby alligator. To Teddy's surprise, Bobby loves his new pet! For grades 3-6. 1995.

**Boundless Grace BR 10495**
by Mary Hoffman
1 volume
Grace's only family is her mother, grandmother, and a cat. Her father returned to Africa after her parents divorced, and now he has a new family. When her father sends Grace airplane tickets to visit him, her excitement changes to fear that he will not still love her. But as she is with him and his new wife and children, she learns that families truly are what you make them. Sequel to *Amazing Grace (BR 8955)*. For grades K-3. 1995.

**Songs in the Silence BR 10497**
by Catherine Frey Murphy
1 volume
Hallie takes her friend's small boat out in the cove to have privacy to cry for her little brother, Josh, who is in the hospital after burning himself on the barbeque. Hallie falls out of the boat and is guided to safety by an odd soothing voice. The speaker is Melae, a whale who has entered the cove to assist another whale who is injured. Hallie and her incredible new friend secretly help each other cope. For grades 4-6. 1994.

**Pinocchio's Sister BR 10500**
by Jan Slepian
1 volume
Martha Rosedale, ten, is part of the traveling vaudeville act of Iris and Mr. Rosedale. Iris is the wooden dummy her father uses in his ventriloquist act, and, while Martha is a rather plain looking child, Iris is quite beautiful and gets all of Mr. Rosedale's attention. One night during a performance, Martha suddenly realizes just how jealous she is of Iris and makes plans to get rid of her. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**Fifth-Grade Fever BR 10501**
by Michele Granger
1 volume
When best friends Marty and Nina learn that they have handsome Mr. Truesdale for their fifth-grade teacher, they make a plan to become teacher's pets. It won't be easy: neither girl is a particularly good student, and they have stiff competition from Beverly, who has been a teacher's pet every year so far. For grades 4-6. 1995.

**Anna Is Still Here BR 10502**
by Ida Vos
1 volume
Thirteen-year-old Anna survived the Holocaust by hiding in an attic for three years. During that time, the only person she spoke to was the man who brought her food. Now the war is over and Anna and her family have been reunited, but her parents will not talk about the war. Anna needs to discuss her fears, and

when she meets Mrs. Neumann, a German neighbor, she finally finds someone to communicate with. For grades 5-8. 1986.

**The Land of Gold BR 10505**
by Gillian Bradshaw
1 volume
Princess Kandaki, awakened in the middle of the night by screams, discovers her parents dead and a guard standing nearby with a bloody spear in his hand. Kandaki is taken captive and promised as a sacrifice to the water dragon. Fortunately Prahotep, the Egyptian thief, and Hathor, a benign dragon, come to Kandaki's rescue and help her regain her kingdom. Sequel to *The Dragon and the Thief (BR 10188)*. For grades 6-9. 1992.

**Fig Pudding BR 10519**
by Ralph Fletcher
1 volume
Cliff is the oldest of the six Abernathy children. His mom says the family always overdoes everything, but the year Cliff describes in this book is "like five years crammed into one." He starts with December when toddler Josh is very sick in the hospital and all he wants for Christmas is a mysterious "yidda yadda." By the next year's end, recovered Josh accidentally steps in the fig pudding his father made for a party. For grades 4-7. 1995.

**Nobody's Daughter BR 10523**
by Susan Beth Pfeffer
1 volume
Aunt Mabel's death leaves Emily a destitute orphan. Then she learns that when her mother died years ago giving birth to her sister, the baby lived and was adopted by an unknown family. With no other family, Emily clings to the hope of finding her sister even as she moves into the Austen Home for Orphaned Girls. Emily tries not to despair as disappointments come. Then a librarian helps Emily to understand her own worth and offers friendship. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**A Very Personal Computer BR 10532**
by Justine Rendal
1 volume
Eighth-grader Pollard Gunning is having a bad year. An accident took away his dog and his mother, his grades have gone downhill, and he has no social life. Then a personal computer at school tells Pollard it knows all about him and begins to give him advice. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**The Watchers: A Mystery at Alton Towers BR 10537**
by Helen Cresswell
2 volumes
Katy and Josh have both been put in Kirby House, a children's home. Unhappy there, the pair decide to run away to the local amusement park, Alton Towers. They soon realize what Alton Towers employees have always suspected: weird things happen there at night. There is a bag lady who seems to be warning them away and an obnoxious youth who calls himself the king. And neither is quite human. For grades 4-7. 1993.

**October Moon BR 10552**
by Michael Scott
1 volume
Rachel Stone, fifteen, and her parents are in Ireland to visit the four-hundred-year-old house and horse farm they have just bought, and Rachel looks forward to the chance to do some riding. Then some rather strange accidents

begin to happen, and they all seem directed toward Rachel. Rachel slowly discovers that members of an ancient clan plan to pass a curse on to her on Halloween. For grades 6-9. 1992.

**A Horse for All Seasons: Collected Stories BR 10554**
by Sheila Kelly Welch
1 volume
Twelve stories about horses. In "The Long March," Josh's pregnant mare, Rosey, gets locked out of her stall and gives birth in the woods, where border collie Kip guards her until Josh can come. In "Hand-Me-Down Horse," Carrie is jealous of her new neighbor and her fancy show horse until her own horse becomes a hero. These two stories are set in the spring; the other selections cover all four seasons. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**A Girl's Best Friend BR 10555**
by Harriet May Savitz
1 volume
Laurie Moss, twelve, is worried that her parents will put their old beagle, Jessie, to sleep because of her arthritis. The vet has some new medicine, but it is expensive so Laurie takes a part-time job. Her boss is blind, like Laurie, and very particular about how things are done at his bike shop. Meanwhile, a new teacher thinks Laurie can't do anything by herself, and a bully taunts her in the halls. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog BR 10558**
by John R. Erickson
1 volume
Humorous tale of Hank the Cowdog, who is very proud of his position as head of ranch security. Unfortunately, Hank's heroic attempts at finding a chicken murderer backfire, and his helper cowdog is no help at all. When the rancher accuses Hank of being the killer, he quits his job, becomes an outlaw, and meets a beautiful coyote. For grades 2-4. 1988.

**Hob and the Goblins BR 10560**
by William Mayne
1 volume
Invisible Hob works very hard helping one family at a time by chasing the mischief out of the home while living beneath the stairs. On the lookout for a new host, Hob happens on bus driver Charlie. When a gremlin steals Charlie's bus and gets him fired, Charlie decides to move his family to Fairy Ring Cottage. A horrified Hob goes along, though he knows the cottage is full of danger. For grades 4-6. 1993.

**The Case of the Double Bumblebee Sting: Hank the Cowdog, Volume 22 BR 10566**
by John R. Erickson
1 volume
As Slim and Loper prepare to help a friend with his spring branding for a few days, Hank the Cowdog, head of ranch security, sticks his head into a bumblebee nest and gets stung twice on the nose. Loper's wife, Sally May, takes Hank to the vet and tries to make him comfortable while he gets better. But she won't let him into the house until he gives her the "look of maximum woe and misery." For grades 4-7. 1994.

**Harris and Me: A Summer Remembered BR 10574**
by Gary Paulsen
1 volume
In the 1950s, two boys on a farm find all kinds of trouble and adventure. Told by one boy, whose parents are drunk a lot, the story begins when he goes to stay

with his cousin Harris's family. The first day, he gets kicked in the groin and head by a demonic cow, battles a manic rooster, wrestles a pig in manure, rides monstrous horses, loses a bout with a lynx, and eats around twenty meals. Some strong language. For grades 6-9. 1993.

**Chicago Blues BR 10630**
by Julie Reece Deaver
1 volume
Lissa, seventeen, attends art school in Chicago. Her parents are divorced, and her sister, Marnie, eleven, lives with their mother. When her alcoholism worsens, the mother decides she can no longer keep Marnie. Lissa agrees to care for her sister, but naturally Marnie does not want to leave her mother. The two girls eventually establish a workable relationship, and all is well until their mother decides she wants Marnie back. For grades 6-9. 1995.

**The Crystal Garden BR 10631**
by Vicki Grove
2 volumes
Eliza's father has been dead for three years and her mother wants to get a new start in life. So they move to Gouge Eye, Missouri, with Mama's boyfriend Burl, whose group performs in nearby Branson. Eliza hopes she will be able to find some friends, but the only girl her age is Dierdre. Although the girls have some similarities, Dierdre seems more interested in a science project than a friend. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**The Formerly Great Alexander Family BR 10643**
by Susan Shreve
1 volume
Liam Alexander's fourth-grade friends always want to come to his house to play, because Liam's family is so easy-going. When Liam learns that his parents are separating, he's afraid his friends will think he's a wimp for not being able to keep them together. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**Titanic Crossing BR 10644**
by Barbara Williams
1 volume
As the Trask family sets sail aboard the *Titanic* in 1912, thirteen-year-old Albert has a lot on his mind. His father has died, leaving him to be the man of the family. His mother is unhappy about returning to America from England, where they have been living, and his younger sister is worse than a pest. When the "unsinkable" ship begins to go down, Albert takes his responsibilities seriously, risking his life. For grades 4-7. 1995.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

**Asimov's Science Fiction** (monthly plus mid-December)
**Better Homes and Gardens** (monthly)
**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
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**Children's Digest** (for children, 8 issues)
**Consumers' Research** (monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])
**Fortune** (biweekly plus specials)
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**Jack and Jill** (for children, 8 issues)
**Journal of Rehabilitation** (quarterly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Madam** (British monthly)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**New Beacon** (British monthly)
**The *New York Times* Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
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**Science News** (weekly)
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**Update** (NLS quarterly)
**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

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# In Brief

## NLS Announces Magazine Program Changes

Beginning in January 1998, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) will offer readers new magazine titles, some of which will be available in cassette format. Most of the current braille and audio magazines will continue to be available, but many popular magazines will be added to the collection, replacing others that will be discontinued.

All children's, young adult, and foreign-language audio magazines will be produced on cassette tape instead of flexible disc. These magazines will kick off a transition to the new cassette format for all audio magazines. NLS plans to continue the transition in January 1999, changing another group of flexible-disc magazines to cassette. It is expected to take three to four years before all NLS recorded magazines will be available on cassette.

The improvements to the magazine program are based on the recommendations of two advisory committees composed of program users and librarians. One of the committees reviewed the titles offered by NLS and, based on a survey of more than 3,500 patrons, made recommendations about the types of magazines NLS should offer to better meet readers' needs and interests. The other committee recommended producing recorded magazines on cassette rather than flexible disc, a change that has been requested by many patrons over the years.

The revised list of magazines is shown below. For current titles that will continue to be offered, subscribers will not experience any change and need not take any action.

Some magazines will be discontinued due to low interest in them. Patrons may find other titles of interest on the new list. Fall issues of discontinued magazines will carry notices informing readers of the change.

## New Braille Magazines

If you currently subscribe to one of the four magazines that will be discontinued and replaced by a new title, you will automatically receive the new magazine and need not take any action. In all other cases, contact your cooperating library to subscribe to new titles.

**Conundrum** (word games, British monthly)
**Harper's Magazine** (literary; monthly)
**Health Newsletters** (includes **Harvard Health Letter, Mayo Clinic Health Letter,** and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter;** monthly)
**Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine** (monthly)
**Martha Stewart Living** (home and entertaining; current subscribers to **Better Homes and Gardens** will automatically receive this magazine; 10 issues)
**Muse** (for children; 6 issues)
**PC World** (personal computing; current subscribers to **PC Computing** will automatically receive this magazine; monthly)
**Rolling Stone** (popular culture; 26 issues)
**Short Stories** (British monthly)
**Spider: The Magazine for Children** (current subscribers to **Jack and Jill** will automatically receive this magazine; monthly)
**Stone Soup** (children's writings; current subscribers to **Children's Digest** will automatically receive this magazine; 5 issues)

## Current Braille Magazines That NLS Will Continue to Offer

Current subscribers will continue to receive these titles and need not take any action.

**Boys' Life** (for children and teens; monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (NLS bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Cooking Light** (9 issues)
**Inside Sports** (monthly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**The *New York Times* Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens; monthly)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)

**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)
Sports schedules
**American Baseball League Schedule**
**National Baseball League Schedule**
**National Basketball Association Schedule**
**National Football League Schedule**
**National Hockey League Schedule**

## New Audio Magazines

If you currently subscribe to one of the six magazines that will be discontinued and replaced by a new title, you will automatically receive the new magazine and need not take any action. In all other cases, contact your cooperating library to subscribe to new titles.

**Asimov's Science Fiction** (flexible disc; 11 issues)
Computer magazine (title to be announced at a later date; flexible disc)
**Cricket** (for children; current subscribers to **National Geographic World** will automatically receive this magazine; on one cassette with **National Geographic World**; monthly)
**Diabetes Forecast** (current subscribers to **Encore** will automatically receive this magazine; flexible disc; monthly)
**Discover** (general science; current subscribers to **Natural History** will automatically receive this magazine; flexible disc; monthly)
**Eating Well** (food and health; flexible disc; 6 issues)
**Health and Nutrition Newsletters** (includes **Dr. Andrew Weil's Self Healing, Healthline, The Johns Hopkins Medical Letter—Health after Fifty,** and **Nutrition Action Healthletter;** current subscribers to **Prevention** will automatically receive this magazine; flexible disc; monthly)
**The *New York Times* Book Review** (current subscribers to **The *Washington Post* Book World** will automatically receive this magazine; flexible disc; weekly)
**People Weekly** (personalities and entertainment news; flexible disc; weekly)
**Seventeen** (young women's fashion; cassette; monthly)
**Spider: The Magazine for Children** (current subscribers to **Ranger Rick** and **Jack and Jill** will automatically receive this magazine; cassette; monthly)
**Sports Illustrated for Kids** (cassette; monthly)
**Working Woman** (flexible disc; 10 issues)
**Young Adult Magazine of the Month** (cassette; monthly)

## Current Audio Magazines That NLS Will Continue to Offer

Current subscribers will continue to receive these titles and need not take any action.

**American Heritage** (flexible disc; 8 issues)
**Analog Science Fiction and Fact** (flexible disc; 13 issues)
**The Atlantic Monthly** (flexible disc; monthly)
**Das Beste aus *Reader's Digest*** (cassette; monthly)
**Buenhogar** (cassette; monthly)
**Choice Magazine Listening** (on loan

from cooperating libraries; cassette; bimonthly)

**Civilization: The Magazine of the Library of Congress** (flexible disc; bimonthly)

**Consumer Reports** (flexible disc; monthly)

**Contemporary Sound Track: A Review of Pop, Jazz, Rock, and Country** (flexible disc; bimonthly)

**Ebony** (flexible disc; monthly)

**Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine** (flexible disc; 11 issues)

**Good Housekeeping** (flexible disc; monthly plus special issues)

**Le Journal Français** (cassette; monthly)

**Magazine of the Month** (flexible disc; monthly)

**Money** (flexible disc; monthly plus special issues)

**The Musical Mainstream** (flexible disc; quarterly)

**The Nation** (flexible disc; 47 issues)

**National Geographic** (flexible disc; monthly)

**National Geographic World** (on one cassette with **Cricket**; monthly)

**National Review** (flexible disc; biweekly)

**New Choices: Living Even Better after Fifty** (flexible disc; 10 issues)

**Outdoor Life** (flexible disc; monthly)

**QST** (flexible disc; monthly)

**Quarterly Music Magazine** (flexible disc; quarterly)

**Selecciones del *Reader's Digest*** (cassette; monthly)

**Sports Illustrated** (flexible disc; weekly plus special issues)

**Stereo Review** (flexible disc; monthly)

**Talking Book Topics** (cassette, flexible disc, and computer diskette; bimonthly)

**Travel Holiday** (flexible disc; 10 issues)

**True West** (flexible disc; monthly)

**U.S. News and World Report** (flexible disc; weekly)

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## What's New

The 1997 edition of *What's New?* is now available in braille. It describes some of the latest NLS publications and other program developments. Request *What's New?* from the NLS Reference Section at the above address. *What's New?* can also be accessed on the NLS homepage http://www.loc.gov/nls

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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**Note:** For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

## Adult Nonfiction

**Henry V BR 9388**
by William Shakespeare
5 volumes
Historical drama. The newly ascended king of England first deals with three suspected traitors. Then, on a pretext, Henry invades France to claim the throne. After his victory in the battle of Agincourt, there is a huge celebration, and Henry turns his attention to his courtship of Catherine of France, as two knaves and a braggart provide comic relief. 1982.

**Contemporary's GED: Newly Revised BR 10053**
edited by Patricia Mulcrone
17 volumes
Preparation for the high school equivalency examination, which is available in print, in braille, and in audio recording. Exam subjects include writing skills, social studies, science, literature and the arts, and mathematics. Pre-tests are provided to determine problem areas, and exercises and lessons are included for each subject. Post-tests chart progress in each area. 1994.

**What to Eat When You're Expecting BR 10401**
by Arlene Eisenberg and others
4 volumes
The authors expand their nutrition chapter from *What to Expect When You're Expecting (BR 10288)*. They provide detailed instructions on formulating proper eating habits before, during, and after pregnancy. They include tips on setting up the kitchen, "best-odds" recipes, a quiz to evaluate your current diet, and nutritional information on food additives and junk food. 1986.

**The Periodic Kingdom: A Journey into the Land of the Chemical Elements BR 10490**
by P.W. Atkins
2 volumes
University of Oxford chemistry lecturer views the periodic table as a kingdom whose entities are "finely balanced living personalities with quirks of character." He gives a tour of the landscape, which includes deserts of metals and two lakes of mercury and bromine, and discusses the governing rules and laws and other aspects of the kingdom. 1995.

**Power Interviews: Job-Winning Tactics from Fortune 500 Recruiters BR 10503**
by Neil Yeager and Lee Hough
2 volumes
Gives tips on fine-tuning a personal presentation, researching the inter-

viewer, and identifying and controlling personal stressors. Also explains major business trends of the 1990s, describes seven key evaluation factors interviewers use, and gives answers to fifty of the most commonly asked questions. Includes practice activities. 1990.

**The Frugal Gourmet Celebrates Christmas BR 10534**

by Jeff Smith

2 volumes

More than just a cookbook, this collection offers a celebration of Christmas—and for good measure Smith adds stories and recipes for Chanukah and dishes for some European Christmas Eve feasts. As he tells the Christmas story, Smith describes foods appropriate for members of the manger scene: green olive soup for the shepherd boy, lamb meatballs for the three wise men, and honey cake for the angels. Holiday recipes follow. 1991.

**Epitaph for a Peach: Four Seasons on My Family Farm BR 10551**

by David Mas Masumoto

2 volumes

A third-generation Japanese American peach and grape farmer in California has an orchard of Sun Crest peaches that he considers to be "the last remaining truly juicy peaches." Fragile and light in color, the peaches are not selling well. Masumoto details the year in which he gives his favorite crop another chance using organic farming methods. 1995.

**Say It Loud! The Story of Rap Music BR 10564**

by K. Maurice Jones

1 volume

History of the popular American music form. Jones traces rap music's roots to the West African griot tradition, the charismatic sermons of African American preachers, and the "jive talking" of jazz musicians, comedians, and poets. Includes profiles of rap artists such as Run-D.M.C., Queen Latifah, and Ice-T. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**Foster Care BR 10582**

by Nancy Millichap Davies

1 volume

Description of the foster care system includes history, governing laws, controversies, and alternatives. Also covers reasons children are placed in foster care, what it is like for them, and the roles of the case workers and the foster parents. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1994.

**Her Father: A Memoir BR 10602**

by Bill Henderson

2 volumes

Henderson, editor of the Pushcart Prize series and owner of Pushcart Press, tells of promising his dying mother he would marry and have a baby. That promise was not easy to keep—the future mother of his child was over forty with only one ovary, and his relationship with her was shaky at best. He describes how his playboy drinking ways were replaced by a family lifestyle with the birth of his daughter, Holly. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Writing and Life BR 10609**

by Michael Lydon

1 volume

A founding editor of *Rolling Stone* magazine explores the art of writing and realism. He uses excerpts from great literature to illustrate how "writing *captures* life and, like a net thrown 'round a wild

beast, writhes and snaps with the unsubdued energy of all it traps." Includes chapters titled "Writing and Thought" and "Writing and the Self." Also has a bibliography. 1990.

**Parallel Journeys BR 10614**
by Eleanor H. Ayer
2 volumes
Presents the lives of two young adults in Europe during World War II. Helen, a young Jewish woman, flees to escape the worsening treatment of Jews but is caught in the net. Alfons, an enthusiastic German teenager, is swept up in the Hitler Youth movement. This book includes excerpts from both of their autobiographies and tells of their joint work to educate future generations about the dangers of hatred. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**The Primary Colors: Three Essays BR 10641**
by Alexander Theroux
2 volumes
Celebrations of the three primary colors: red, yellow, and blue. Each essay combines anecdotes, observations, literary references, and everyday associations. "Blue is a mysterious color, hue of illness and nobility, the rarest color in nature." Yellow has a thousand meanings from cowardice to third prize to Easter, and is enigmatic. Red is Christmas, cheap whiskey, a child's ball, chorizo. 1994.

**Rights and Respect: What You Need to Know about Gender Bias and Sexual Harassment BR 10656**
by Kathlyn Gay
1 volume
Real-life anecdotes and court cases are used to define the differences between gender bias, "sexual hasslement," and illegal sexual harassment. Gay identifies specific procedures—as well as programs and legislation—for preventing gender discrimination and harassing behavior. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1995.

**Remote BR 10661**
by David Shields
2 volumes
Part cultural critique, part self-portrait, this book is divided into fifty-two short pieces. Though diverse in subject matter, the work is unified by one overarching theme: documenting the role of "remoteness" in Shields's own life. Shields's "evidence" includes personal vignettes as well as observations of modern American popular culture and its accompanying obsession with fame and celebrity. Some strong language. 1996.

**We Are Witnesses: Five Diaries of Teenagers Who Died in the Holocaust BR 10662**
by Jacob Boas
2 volumes
A collection of diary excerpts from five Jewish teenagers—David Rubinowicz, Yitzhak Rudashevski, Moshe Flinker, Éva Heyman, and Anne Frank—who lived in Nazi-occupied Lithuania, Hungary, Belgium, and Holland between 1940 and 1944. Boas, a Holocaust survivor, provides biographical information and compares individual experiences. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1995.

**Privileged Hands: A Scientific Life BR 10669**
by Geerat Vermeij
3 volumes
An esteemed evolutionary biologist and paleontologist, who has been blind since the age of four, describes his childhood

and his career. Born in the Netherlands, Vermeij faced learning both a new language and contracted braille when he began third grade in the United States. But he brought with him a love of seashells, which became his life's work. 1997.

**Beginnings and Blueprints BR 10711**
edited by Kenneth Jernigan
1 volume
Nine accounts that give insight into how blind persons handle everyday situations. Jernigan explains how he reads blueprints, Marc Maurer tells of building a new porch roof with his two sighted children, and David Walker explains how he fishes alone. 1996.

**James Herriot's Favorite Dog Stories BR 10712**
by James Herriot
1 volume
Herriot has collected ten of his favorite stories from his previous books about his years as a veterinarian in Yorkshire. Includes stories about Tricki Woo, Jock, and Roy as well as the dogs' owners. Bestseller 1995.

# Adult Fiction

**Jane Eyre BR 10514**
by Charlotte Brontë
4 volumes (Reissue)
First published in 1847, this English novel is about a plain and intelligent woman who becomes the governess for an estate, is caught up in the mysteries of the manor, and falls in love with the master of the house. 1993.

**The Runaway Jury BR 10516**
by John Grisham
4 volumes
Using jury consultants with elaborate and illegal research techniques, the tobacco companies have managed to win each lawsuit brought against them. Now, in Mississippi, a man has purposely placed himself on the jury of the latest tobacco trial. Strong language. Bestseller 1996.

**The Island Harp BR 10520**
by Jeanne Williams
3 volumes
On a Scottish island in 1844, Mairi's home is torched, and the handsome Iain MacDonald enters her life. An ancient harp, for which Mairi's grandfather sacrificed his life, becomes her symbol of strength as she leads her family to rebuild. Prequel to *Daughter of the Storm (BR 10521)*. Explicit descriptions of sex and some violence. 1991.

**Daughter of the Storm BR 10521**
by Jeanne Williams
3 volumes
Scottish Mairi Mór loses her baby after a skirmish with constables trying to evict Mairi's crofter clan. She agrees to take in orphaned Christy who, like Mairi, becomes a skilled harper, learns Gram's herbal cures, and dotes on Mairi's older son, David. Sad events send David away to the university to learn to defend his oppressed clan. As Christy awaits his return she gives her own kind of help. Sequel to *The Island Harp (BR 10520)*. Some violence. 1994.

**The Magic and the Healing BR 10524**
by Nick O'Donohoe
3 volumes
B.J. Vaughan's dreams of becoming a veterinarian are shattered when she discovers she has Huntington's chorea. However, before she leaves school, B.J. travels to Crossroads, a world where imaginary creatures live and where a

unicorn needs her help. Prequel to *Under the Healing Sign (BR 10525)*. For senior high and older readers. 1994.

**Under the Healing Sign BR 10525**
by Nick O'Donohoe
3 volumes
In this sequel to *The Magic and the Healing (BR 10524)*, B.J. Vaughn, a young veterinarian, practices her work in Crossroads, an alternate world inhabited by imaginary creatures. When evil Morgan obtains the secret map to Crossroads, B.J. must battle Morgan's army to save the land. For senior high and older readers. 1995.

***The Fireman's Wife* and Other Stories BR 10527**
by Richard Bausch
2 volumes
Ten stories about relationships among husbands, wives, siblings, and parents. Includes tales of marriage, divorce, and death. In the title story, three firemen have been friends since childhood, and their wives forge a friendship against the backdrop of the hazards facing the men. In "Consolation," a widowed new mother tries to understand her in-laws' reticence toward her baby. 1990.

**The Dragon, the Earl, and the Troll BR 10530**
by Gordon R. Dickson
4 volumes
In this sequel to *The Dragon at War (BR 9385)*, Jim Eckert, the Dragon Knight, learns that hostile trolls have infiltrated and besieged the castle during the Christmas feast. Aided by his wife, his wolf, and a master magician, Jim battles the Dark Powers to keep chance and history in balance. 1994.

**Regeneration BR 10543**
by Pat Barker
2 volumes
Based on the true story of two men who met during World War I—Dr. William Rivers, a psychiatrist, and Siegfried Sassoon, an officer and poet. In July 1917, Sassoon writes a letter protesting the war. Because of his position, he is sent to the Craiglockhart War Hospital instead of being court-martialed. There the relationship between him and Dr. Rivers helps him deal with his struggle between responsibility and conscience. 1991.

**The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes BR 10562**
by Arthur Conan Doyle
4 volumes
Collection of twelve stories that originally appeared in *Strand* magazine. In the first story, "A Scandal in Bohemia," Holmes finds himself defeated by "the woman"—Irene Adler. In "The Beryl Coronet," a bank officer is greatly distressed when stones go missing from the coronet given to him for safekeeping. Includes a chronology of Doyle's work and an introduction by editor Richard Lancelyn Green. 1993.

**Old New York: Four Novellas BR 10570**
by Edith Wharton
2 volumes
Originally published in 1924, these four stories offer a glimpse of New York life in the 1840s, 1850s, 1860s, and 1870s and cover topics dealing with infidelity, illegitimacy, the class system, and the treatment of women. "False Dawn," set in the 1840s, shows a father's contempt for a son who does not follow his instructions to the letter. "New Year's Day," set in the 1870s, reveals the moti-

vation behind a woman's infidelity. 1924.

**Spinsters BR 10571**
by Pagan Kennedy
1 volume
In the 1960s, Fran and her older sister, Doris, are unmarried and in their thirties when their ailing, widowed father dies. Growing old with Doris sounds fine to staid Fran, and the sisters accept an invitation to move in with a spinster aunt. But Doris soon becomes restless and takes reluctant Fran on a long road trip. 1995.

**Moon Dancer BR 10594**
by Margaret I. Rostkowski
1 volume
Mira, fifteen, is on a camping trip with her sister Jenny, her cousin Emily, and Emily's friend Max. They are in the Utah canyons searching for historic drawings recorded in a long-ago journal by the subject of Emily's college paper, Katie Weston. By trip's end, Mira is seeing the place through the eyes of Katie and women before her and realizes that Max is attracted to her rather than beautiful Jenny. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**Rhineland Inheritance: Rendezvous with Destiny, Book 1 BR 10595**
by T. Davis Bunn
2 volumes
With just seven weeks of duty left, Captain Jake Burnes is given a new assignment. He and Frenchman Captain Pierre Servais are to monitor the border between Germany and France for suspected smuggling of Nazi goods. Jake puts many people's lives in danger as he seeks the truth. When he ends up in trouble himself, Jake finds a new faith in God. Prequel to *Gibraltar Passage (BR 10596)*. 1993.

**Gibraltar Passage: Rendezvous with Destiny, Book 2 BR 10596**
by T. Davis Bunn
1 volume
In this sequel to *Rhineland Inheritance (BR 10595)*, Major Pierre Servais and Lieutenant Colonel Jake Burnes learn that Pierre's twin brother, Patrique, may still be alive. Together they make the treacherous passage through Gibraltar. With help from Jasmyn, who Pierre believes once betrayed him, they begin the dangerous search for Patrique. As they persevere, Jake is able to share his faith with Pierre. 1994.

**Sahara Crosswind: Rendezvous with Destiny, Book 3 BR 10597**
by T. Davis Bunn
1 volume
Having outmaneuvered Sultan Musad al Rasuli, Colonel Jake Burnes and Major Pierre Servais successfully rescued Pierre's brother Patrique in *Gibraltar Passage (BR 10596)*. But Patrique's life is still in danger. He has uncovered Nazi collaboration in the upper levels of the French government, and it is up to Jake and Pierre to see that Patrique makes a safe return to Paris—after they cross the Sahara desert. 1994.

**Berlin Encounter: Rendezvous with Destiny, Book 4 BR 10598**
by T. Davis Bunn
1 volume
The army isn't finished with Colonel Jake Burnes. Having seen French Resistance hero Patrique Servais return safely to Paris in *Sahara Crosswind (BR 10597)*, Jake and his wife, Sally, are now in Germany. Jake is responsible for rescuing two rocket scientists from

Stalin's regime. As he executes his plan, Sally learns his life is in mortal danger. But Jake's faith in God remains unshakable. 1995.

**The Old Man and the Sea BR 10599**
by Ernest Hemingway
1 volume (Reissue)
An old Cuban fisherman hooks a giant marlin after eighty-five days without a catch. He then fights a losing battle with sharks that seek to deprive him of his triumph. Pulitzer Prize winner. Best-seller 1952.

**Oxford Exit BR 10605**
by Veronica Stallwood
2 volumes
Novelist Kate Ivory is asked to help identify who is stealing books from the Oxford Bodleian Library and deleting their records from the computer database. Posing as a cataloger, Kate investigates the handful of people with the necessary computer access. She also looks for a link to the recent murder of a library trainee. Meanwhile, a friend of Kate's is getting odd essays from a student in the creative writing class she teaches. Some violence. 1994.

**The Body Is Water BR 10607**
by Julie Schumacher
2 volumes
Jane Haus quits another in a line of teaching jobs and arrives pregnant at her father's house in Sea Haven, New Jersey. As she waits for the birth of her child, Jane tries to figure out her own confusing childhood with a mother who has since died of cancer; a father who used to sit by her bed and tell her lies about the universe; and a brilliant sister, Beatrice, who has now arrived to help. Some strong language. 1995.

**Silent Night BR 10612**
by Mary Higgins Clark
1 volume
The Dornan family is in New York City on Christmas Eve because Tom Dornan has just had surgery for leukemia. When his wife drops her wallet, Cally Hunter, desperate for Christmas money, picks it up. Young Brian Dornan follows her, because inside the wallet is a recuperative St. Christopher medal for his dad. But Cally's brother, an escaped convict, is waiting in her apartment, and he has plans for the money and for Brian. Some strong language. 1995.

**Wild Meat and the Bully Burgers BR 10613**
by Lois-Ann Yamanaka
2 volumes
During the 1970s, Lovey Nariyoshi lives with her poor Japanese American family in Hilo, Hawaii, and wants very much to be white (haole). As her teacher berates her and her classmates for not being able to speak standard English, Lovey has humorous fantasies of having Farrah Fawcett hair, store-bought clothes, an American name, and a haole husband with hairy legs. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

**Kerrigan BR 10619**
by James A. Ritchie
2 volumes
Cowboy Clay Kerrigan, now known as Brent Griffin, has been on the run for a year since Roland Thornton challenged Kerrigan to a gunfight and died. Thornton's father vowed to kill Kerrigan, and Kerrigan has since had to kill another Thornton son. When Kerrigan accepts a job on a Wyoming ranch and falls in love with the rancher's daughter, he

knows she'll be in danger unless he can somehow end the feud. Violence. 1993.

**The Shadow Brothers BR 10625**
by A.E. Cannon
1 volume
Marcus admires his Navaho foster brother, Henry. Henry's widowed father sent him to live with Marcus's Mormon family in Utah when both boys were seven. Now sixteen and in high school, Henry stars in academics and sports. Although Henry is popular, Marcus knows that secretly Henry feels his brown face is a symbol of how complete the white man's victory was. And his growing discontent is causing tension between them. For junior and senior high readers. 1990.

**Child of God BR 10633**
by Cormac McCarthy
1 volume
Falsely accused of rape, Lester Ballard is driven out of his home and then allowed to roam free in the hills of Tennessee. He preys on the people in the area, collecting their bodies in a cave. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1973.

**Blood Meridian; or, The Evening Redness in the West BR 10635**
by Cormac McCarthy
3 volumes
The child is pale and thin with only ragged clothes to wear, his father lies in drink, and his mother is dead. For the Kid, there is no reason to stay in Tennessee. And so at fourteen he runs away. The Kid relates his journey west and the skirmishes with Indians that took place along the Texas-Mexico border in the 1850s. Violence and strong language. 1985.

**The Eye in the Door BR 10645**
by Pat Barker
2 volumes
London, 1918. As Britain faces defeat by Germany, pacifists and homosexuals are scapegoated as potential traitors. It is unfortunate for Lieutenant Billy Prior, a bisexual who has a split personality, that when he is released from Craiglockhart War Hospital, he is assigned to British Intelligence. Once again he needs the help of Dr. Rivers. Sequel to *Regeneration (BR 10543)*. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

**The High Graders BR 10646**
by Louis L'Amour
2 volumes
Gunslinger Mike Shevlin is hired by pretty Laine Tennison to keep the miners from stealing gold ore from her claim and to challenge the cattlemen who swear to close the dig because the range waters are being poisoned. Some strong language and some violence. 1965.

**The High Graders BR 10647**
by Louis L'Amour
2 volumes
Gunslinger Mike Shevlin is hired by pretty Laine Tennison to keep the miners from stealing gold ore from her claim and to challenge the cattlemen who swear to close the dig because the range waters are being poisoned. In Grade 1 braille. Some strong language and some violence. 1965.

**The Green Mile: Part 1, The Two Dead Girls BR 10648**
by Stephen King
1 volume
In this first installment of a serial novel, death-row supervisor Paul Edgecombe

thinks back to 1932 when John Coffey was brought in for the rape and murder of nine-year-old twin girls. Prequel to *The Mouse on the Mile (BR 10649)*. Strong language and violence. Best-seller 1996.

**The Green Mile: Part 2, The Mouse on the Mile BR 10649**
by Stephen King
1 volume
In the second installment of a serial novel, elderly Paul Edgecombe continues his tale of death row in 1932. A mouse that has befriended a condemned man angers a hard-nosed guard, and a new inmate stirs up trouble from day one. Strong language and violence. Sequel to *The Two Dead Girls (BR 10648)*. Best-seller 1996.

**The Green Mile: Part 3, Coffey's Hands BR 10650**
by Stephen King
1 volume
In the third installment of a serial novel, inmate John Coffey heals death row supervisor Paul Edgecombe's vicious urinary infection just by touching him. This and Coffey's gentle nature make Edgecombe question his guilt. Sequel to *The Mouse on the Mile (BR 10649)*. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1996.

**The Green Mile: Part 4, The Bad Death of Eduard Delacroix BR 10651**
by Stephen King
1 volume
In the fourth installment of a serial novel, inmate John Coffey again proves his miraculous healing powers to death-row supervisor Paul Edgecombe, this time by coming to the rescue of Mr. Jingles, the mouse. Meanwhile, Edgecombe plots to get rid of a cruel guard. Sequel to *Coffey's Hands (BR 10650)*. Strong language and violence. Best-seller 1996.

**The Green Mile: Part 5, Night Journey BR 10652**
by Stephen King
1 volume
In the fifth installment of a serial novel, death-row supervisor Paul Edgecombe sneaks inmate John Coffey out of prison to test his healing powers on the warden's ill wife. Sequel to *The Bad Death of Eduard Delacroix (BR 10651)*. Strong language and violence. Best-seller 1996.

**Runs with Horses BR 10655**
by Brian Burks
1 volume
Based on events beginning in 1886, when Geronimo, Chief Naiche, and a band of Chiricahua Apaches break out of the Arizona Fort Apache reservation and hide in the Sierra Madre mountains. There they train the young men to become warriors. In this fictionalized account, Runs with Horses is being trained by his father to become the best warrior of the group. Some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**Under the Feet of Jesus BR 10658**
by Helena Maria Viramontes
1 volume
Thirteen-year-old Estrella and her mother, sisters, and brothers are migrant workers traveling from farm to farm with Perfecto, the mother's almost-husband. It is while they are picking peaches that Estrella meets Alejo and gives herself to him. But she will soon have to fight for Alejo's life when he is sickened by sprayed pesticides. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

**April and the Dragon Lady BR 10659**
by Lensey Namioka
1 volume
When April Chen is a junior in a Seattle high school, she begins dating Steve even though she knows her grandmother won't approve of a white boyfriend. Grandma's Chinese ways are tiresome, especially when she dotes on April's brother and widowed father and expects April to serve them all. When April's father decides to remarry and April begins to make plans for college, Grandma plots to stop them. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**"M" Is for Malice BR 10667**
by Sue Grafton
3 volumes
In this sequel to *"L" Is for Lawless (BR 10162)*, private detective Kinsey Millhone is hired to locate a missing person. Years ago, as a young drug and alcohol abuser, Guy Malek left home in disgrace. Now his father has died, and Guy's brothers are outraged to learn Guy is still in the will. Some strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1996.

**Ghost of Chance BR 10674**
by William S. Burroughs
1 volume
A cautionary fantasy tale about humankind, religion, and the environment. In the 1700s, Captain Mission founds a settlement on the coast of Madagascar. His strict laws to protect nature classify the killing of lemurs as a capital crime. But the destruction of a mysterious stone temple discovered by Mission wrecks the future of the gentle beasts and leaves a horrible legacy. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1991.

**The Yellow Admiral BR 10685**
by Patrick O'Brian
2 volumes
This sequel to *The Commodore (BR 10224)* finds Jack Aubrey ashore in England. Beset by lawsuits, debts, and political disputes, he also faces forced retirement from the navy. Friend Stephen Maturin, surgeon, secures them both posts with the Chilean navy, just as Napoleon escapes from Elba—and Aubrey is urgently recalled to active service. Bestseller 1996.

**The Green Mile: Part 6, Coffey on the Mile BR 10686**
by Stephen King
1 volume
The final installment of a serial novel. At 104, former death-row supervisor Paul Edgecombe finishes telling the story of huge inmate John Coffey, little mouse Mr. Jingles, and the other characters introduced in the first five parts. Sequel to *Night Journey (BR 10652)*. Violence and strong language. Bestseller 1996.

# Books for Children

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## Children's Nonfiction

**Salamanders BR 10030**
by Emery Bernhard
1 volume
Discusses the cold-blooded amphibians called salamanders. Tells how different types of salamanders eat, breathe, and breed, and describes what they look like. Includes a glossary. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1995.

**Bound for the Promised Land: The Great Black Migration BR 10611**
by Michael L. Cooper
1 volume
Following the Civil War, most African Americans in the South became sharecroppers whose lives were essentially controlled by plantation owners. Cooper explains how, shortly after the outbreak of World War I and the reduction of European immigrants, a new job market opened in the North for black farmworkers. He discusses the effect the Great Migration between 1915 and 1930 had on the United States. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**Pocahontas BR 10615**
by Catherine Iannone
1 volume
Account of Pocahontas, who was the daughter of Powhatan, an Indian king who ruled all the tribes around the Chesapeake Bay in Virginia. Discusses colonist John Smith's claim that young Pocahontas once saved him from being killed by her father's men. Tells how in 1613 the princess was kidnapped by English colonists of Jamestown and how she fell in love with one of them, converted to Christianity, and married him. For grades 4-7. 1996.

**Diabetes BR 10621**
by Alvin Silverstein and others
1 volume
Discusses the two types of diabetes—type I, which is found mostly in children, teens, and young adults, and type II, which is found mainly in obese middle-aged and older adults. The authors provide a brief history and discuss causes, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of this metabolic disorder. Includes glossary and bibliography. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1994.

**Behind the Mask: A Book about Prepositions BR 10628**
by Ruth Heller
1 volume
"OF prepositions have no fear . . . they help make directions clear . . . and IN phrases only they appear." The author uses simple rhyming text with catchy phrases to explain these useful words. For grades 2-4. 1995.

**Been to Yesterdays: Poems of a Life BR 10677**
by Lee Bennett Hopkins
1 volume
Collection of autobiographical poems

about the author's thirteenth year, in which his parents divorce and his beloved grandmother dies. Hopkins uses poignant images and evokes emotions that give way to his desire to make the world a brighter place. For grades 4-7. 1995.

## Children's Fiction

**Lassie Come-Home BR 10025**
by Rosemary Wells
1 volume
An adaption for younger readers of Eric Knight's original 1938 classic. Joe has a collie named Lassie who waits for him outside of school each day at four o'-clock. When Joe's unemployed father sells Lassie to a duke, Lassie keeps escaping to meet Joe. Even when the duke takes Lassie to Scotland, she slips out the gate and starts a year-long walk back home to England. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 1995.

**Leah's Pony BR 10026**
by Elizabeth Friedrich
1 volume
Leah and her family live in the Dust Bowl. "The year the corn grew tall and straight" Leah's papa bought her a pony, but this year there is no rain and the crops have not grown tall. Now an auctioneer is coming to sell the animals and the new tractor. Then Leah thinks of a way to help. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1996.

**Dear Rebecca, Winter Is Here BR 10027**
by Jean Craighead George
1 volume
In December a woman explains in a letter to her granddaughter that little hands of darkness have brought in winter. She describes all the things that nature will experience before the little hands push back the edges of darkness and summer returns. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1993.

**The Matzah That Papa Brought Home BR 10029**
by Fran Manushkin
1 volume
A cumulative rhyme story, written in the style of "The House That Jack Built," that explains what happens to the matzah Papa brings home for the family's Passover Seder. Includes definitions of Passover foods and traditions. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1995.

**Music from a Place Called Half Moon BR 10526**
by Jerrie Oughton
1 volume
In 1956 a couple of incidents leave Edie Jo, thirteen, scared of the Native Americans that live in her small town of Half Moon, North Carolina. But while spending her summer writing poetry by the creek, Edie begins a tentative attachment to classmate Cherokee Fish. Unfortunately the majority of Half Moon residents are not willing to integrate and tragedy ensues. Some strong language. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1995.

**The Desperate Search: An American Adventure, Book 2 BR 10622**
by Lee Roddy
2 volumes
Hildy Corrigan, twelve, has found her stepmother, Molly, and her sisters and brother in Illinois, and she and Molly have come to a better understanding. Then Joe Corrigan arrives to take his family to California, where he has been promised a job and a house. But first

the family has to find a car to replace their old one. And that is just one problem. Sequel to *The Overland Escape (BR 10402)*. For grades 4-7. 1989.

***A Midnight Clear*: Stories for the Christmas Season BR 10634**
by Katherine Paterson
1 volume
A collection of stories that the author wrote for her pastor husband to tell his congregation on Christmas Eves. In the title story, a boy who is scared by recurring visions of nuclear mushroom clouds finds comfort in helping a homeless old woman. In "Amazing Grace," a woman stranded when the car runs out of gas gives birth in a humble cabin on Christmas Eve. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**Possibles BR 10657**
by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
1 volume
Shortly before Mary Sheppard Lee (Sheppy) graduates from grammar school, her father dies of cancer. Instead of going to camp with her friend Tess for the summer, Sheppy takes a job helping a young woman, Connie, with a broken leg. Sheppy has a lot of troubles to sort through: her mother, brother, and Tess won't talk about her father; Connie has a secret reason to be crabby; and another friend is having family problems. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**Tom, Babette, and Simon: Three Tales of Transformation BR 10671**
by Avi
1 volume
Tom is bored and decides to change places with his cat. But what will happen when Tom is bored with being a cat? Babette's mother wanted a child with no visible flaws—unfortunately Babette is invisible. Simon grows into a vain young man who kills the Golden Bird and becomes a bird from the neck up. For grades 4-7. 1995.

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# In Brief

## Annual Catalog Survey

Patrons will soon be able to select and order NLS catalogs and bibliographies that will be issued in 1997 and 1998. Early this fall a large-print order form will be mailed to patrons who subscribe to *Talking Book Topics.* Patrons who subscribe to *Braille Book Review* will receive a braille order form. Catalogs and bibliographies ordered will be sent directly to patrons when the publications are produced.

## Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

## New from the National Braille Press (NBP)

The following books can be ordered from the National Braille Press, 88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115; 800-548-7323.

*The AltaVista Search Revolution: How to Find Anything on the Internet*, a three-volume edition describing the Website search engine, is available for $18.99.

*LOVE: Poems*, by Pablo Narrate, a braille booklet, is available for $6.95.

*The Sexiest Sex of All*, which covers the latest information on safe sex and other sex-related topics, is available in two braille volumes at $8.95.

# Matilda Ziegler for the Blind

*The Ziegler*, a braille and cassette publication, reprints articles from magazines, newspapers, and books. It is available free from Matilda Ziegler for the Blind, which has produced the magazine since 1907. For more information, write The Ziegler, 80 Eighth Avenue, Room 1304, New York, NY 10011.

The following information is reprinted from **Talking Book Topics** September-October 1997.

## Announcement

The Massachusetts Association for the Blind has a limited quantity of used braillewriters available for sale at $250-300. For more information, write the agency in care of Debby Smith, 200 Ivy Street, Brookline, MA 02146 or call (617) 732-0242.

## Magazine Changes Begin in January

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) reminds patrons that many new magazine titles will be added to the program beginning in January 1998. The complete list appears in the Magazines section of this issue and includes information about the number of issues and format of each title.

## Catalog Survey Coming Soon

Patrons will soon be able to select and order NLS catalogs and bibliographies that will be issued in 1997 and 1998. A large-print order form will be mailed early this fall to patrons who subscribe to *Talking Book Topics*. The form will give patrons the opportunity to order upcoming publications, such as *Adventure Stories, Cassette Books 1997,* and *For Younger Readers 1996–1997*. Catalogs and bibliographies ordered will be sent directly to patrons when the publications are produced.

## Scourby Awards Announced

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) presented its eleventh Alexander Scourby Narrator of the Year Awards to honor excellence in talking-book narration. AFB awarded prizes to narrators for three categories: fiction, nonfiction, and multilingual nonfiction.

The award-winning narrators are Mary Woods, Talking Book Publishers, Inc., for fiction; Jack Fox, American Printing House for the Blind, for nonfiction; and Ed Blake, AFB, for multilingual nonfiction. The annual Scourby Award was established in 1986 in memory of the popular talking-book narrator who died in 1985.

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**Shopping Catalogs**. Home Readers offers a variety of popular mail order catalogs on 4-track cassette. The catalogs list products from companies that sell clothing, gifts, music, food, collectibles, cosmetics, pet supplies, and health-related items. The tapes feature descriptions of patterns, styles, and colors that are pictured in the print editions. Prices for the catalogs range from $2 to $4. For more information contact Home Readers, 604 W. Hulett, Edgerton, KS 66021; telephone (913) 893-6939; e-mail Homeread@Qni.com.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Adult Nonfiction

**The Bell Curve: Intelligence and Class Structure in American Life BR 9837**
by Richard J. Herrnstein and Charles Murray
10 volumes
The authors assert that information and the intellectual ability to use it separate the "haves" from the "have nots" in American society. The authors' stated goal is to convince public policy makers to acknowledge that differences in ability exist, that reliance on prejudicial assumptions is wrong, and that open discussion of class intelligence is vital. Bestseller 1994.

**Building Basic Skills in Reading, Book 2 BR 10355**
by Contemporary Books, Incorporated
2 volumes
Second half of a two-book program on practicing reading skills. A pretest is followed by exercises in both critical and practical reading. Topics include sorting facts from opinions; recognizing bias and propaganda; understanding style and tone; following written instructions; and reading diagrams, schedules, and charts. Also includes a posttest on these reading skills. 1982.

**Building Basic Skills in Science BR 10356**
by Contemporary Books, Incorporated
2 volumes
Designed to help readers build science knowledge while practicing reading skills. Includes units on biology, earth science, chemistry, and physics, as well as a pretest, a posttest, and a glossary. 1981.

**Building Basic Skills in Social Studies BR 10357**
by Contemporary Books, Incorporated
2 volumes
Designed to help readers build social studies knowledge while practicing reading skills. Includes units on economics, geography, political science, history, and behavioral science, as well as a pretest, posttest, and glossary. 1981.

**History of the Peloponnesian War BR 10511**
by Thucydides
5 volumes
Written in the fifth century B.C. by an Athenian commander, this is a history of the twenty-seven-year conflict between Athens, a democratic state and sea power, and the states of the Pelo-

ponnese headed by Sparta, a conservative power with an efficient military force. 1993.

**The Rivals: William Gwin, David Broderick, and the Birth of California BR 10513**

by Arthur Quinn
4 volumes
Recounts the events in the mid-1800s when two ambitious adversaries rose to power as U.S. senators from California. Reviews the personal and political conflicts that culminated in a duel, which left Broderick dead and Gwin discredited, and presents details of this tragedy using young California's transformation from a remote province to a prosperous state as a backdrop. 1994.

**Sofi's Aegean Kitchen: A Light Approach to Traditional Greek Home Cooking BR 10556**

by Sofi Lazarides Konstantinides
2 volumes
When the author moved from Greece to Los Angeles, she opened a Greek restaurant that became a great success. Here she offers tips on stocking a Greek kitchen and recipes for dishes from appetizers or mezethes to phyllo pies such as spanokopita and desserts such as baklava. Soups, main dishes, and vegetables round out a collection that is lower in fat and sugar than traditional Greek cuisine. 1993.

**Le Cordon Bleu Classic French Cookbook BR 10577**

edited by Julia Alcock
3 volumes
One hundred classic recipes to celebrate the cooking school's centenary. Includes first courses, such as vichyssoise; main courses, such as duck breasts with pistachios; and desserts, such as chocolate and Cointreau gateau. A section on techniques provides the beginner with the basics for becoming a successful cook. 1994.

**Terry: My Daughter's Life-and-Death Struggle with Alcoholism BR 10578**

by George McGovern
2 volumes
A former senator and onetime presidential candidate's anguished story of his daughter's unhappy life and alcohol-related death. He tries to understand and explain her steady, uncontrolled descent into depression and alcoholism, concluding that genetic vulnerability was a key factor. 1996.

**What Happens When Women Pray BR 10581**

by Evelyn Christenson
1 volume
The 1968 national women's chairman for the Baptist General Conference shares her experiences in leading women in prayer. She offers the "Six S's" rules for prayer groups: subject by subject, short prayers, simple prayers, specific prayer requests, silent periods, and small groups. Supports text with Bible passages and relates results obtained by many prayer groups. 1975.

**Cocaine and Crack: The Drug Library BR 10616**

by Marilyn Carroll
1 volume
Carroll explains that cocaine comes from the coca plant of western South America. She discusses the history of cocaine use; describes how it is processed and what the different forms are; and outlines the effects of cocaine, the personal aspects of abusing cocaine and crack, and the efforts that are being

made to solve this drug problem. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**Making Wood Tables: Practical Projects for Every Room BR 10618**
by Hugh Foster
2 volumes
Step-by-step instructions lead novice- and intermediate-level woodworkers through the construction of twenty-six tables. General woodworking information contains descriptions of tools and techniques from selecting stock to finishing. Projects include a workbench, nightstands, several sofa tables, and an unusual glass-topped display for wood carvings. 1994.

**I Can Hear the Cowbells Ring BR 10636**
by Lionel G. García
2 volumes
García, whose novels have earned him awards from Southwest and Texas organizations, recalls his childhood in a South Texas Mexican American community during the 1950s. With warmth and humor he retells family stories he heard from his grandparents and their children. Reveals a town with very human, and often quirky, characters. 1994.

**Fear of Wine: An Introductory Guide to the Grape BR 10637**
by Leslie Brenner
3 volumes
Humorous lessons on wine by a food and wine writer. Brenner gives an overview of the wine-making process, tells which grapes yield certain flavors, and explains the information on the bottle. She describes how to taste, smell, and swirl wine and which wines complement particular foods. Gives tips on selecting a bottle for a dinner party and compiling a small domestic or international wine cellar. 1995.

**Pearl's Kitchen: An Extraordinary Cookbook BR 10638**
by Pearl Bailey
2 volumes
The popular singer wrote this book at her kitchen table late at night, "thinking of yesterday and cooking for tomorrow." Contains advice on child rearing, entertaining, and housekeeping. 1973.

**Sister to Sister: Women Write about the Unbreakable Bond BR 10639**
edited by Patricia Foster
3 volumes
The bond of sisterhood as experienced by twenty women writers. The complexities of their relationships with their sisters—love and hate, pride and jealousy—are described by women who make a living observing humankind. Some of the bonds include tragedy, but all include unique intimacies. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Train Go Sorry: Inside a Deaf World BR 10653**
by Leah Hager Cohen
3 volumes
The author, who is not deaf, grew up in the New York Lexington School for the Deaf, where her parents worked. Her own memoirs combined with the stories of her deaf grandparents and those of current students reflect the changing deaf culture. Cohen discusses issues such as American Sign Language versus oralism and attitudes toward cochlear implants. 1994.

**The Dilbert Principle: A Cubicle's-Eye View of Bosses, Meetings, Management Fads, and Other Workplace Afflictions BR 10668**

by Scott Adams
3 volumes
A humorous look at the workplace from the creator of the "Dilbert" cartoon strip. The Dilbert Principle is that "the most ineffective workers are systematically moved to the place where they can do the least damage—management." Bestseller 1996.

**On Our Own Terms: Portraits of Women Business Leaders BR 10672**

by Liane Enkelis and Karen Olsen
2 volumes
Interviews with fifteen women who lead large corporations and also have a personal life. The women include the principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, the president of two highly successful catalog companies, and the head of one of the world's leading software companies. 1995.

**How Good Do We Have to Be? A New Understanding of Guilt and Forgiveness BR 10700**

by Harold S. Kushner
1 volume
Kushner, who wrote *When Bad Things Happen to Good People (BR 5310)*, believes individuals demand too much of themselves in regard to sin and guilt. By offering a different approach to the story of Adam and Eve, Kushner suggests that God forgives our mistakes—experiences from which people learn and grow. Bestseller 1996.

**Seeds of Disquiet: One Deaf Woman's Experience BR 10701**

by Cheryl M. Heppner
2 volumes
The author says that as a profoundly deaf child, she was taught to adapt to the hearing world. But after two strokes left Heppner completely deaf, she learned sign language and then realized how frustrating her earlier life had been. She eventually became an advocate for deaf people. 1992.

**Jobs vs. the Environment: Can We Save Both? BR 10709**

by Nathan Aaseng
1 volume
Aaseng rejects the claim that environmentalists negatively impact the economy, yet also proposes ways to protect the earth that would least disrupt workers' lives. He provides an overview of the issue from 1681 to the 1990s. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1994.

**The Air Down Here: True Tales from a South Bronx Boyhood BR 10723**

by Gil C. Alicea
1 volume
A collection of short autobiographical ruminations by a sixteen-year-old from New York's South Bronx. Alicea discusses issues and problems that he confronts in his stressful urban environment: drugs, violence, gangs, parents with HIV, and the deaths of his mother and sister. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**Pierced by a Ray of Sun: Poems about the Times We Feel Alone BR 10735**

selected by Ruth Gordon
1 volume
Seventy-three poems culled from a variety of sources but unified by one over-

lying theme: loneliness. Gordon's collection—which includes poems by Keats, Sandburg, and Yeats and translations from other languages—illustrates that alienation is a universal experience. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**My Dog Skip BR 10740**
by Willie Morris
1 volume
The author tells how he grew up in a small southern town in the 1940s with a dog that could run football patterns and, it was believed, drive a car. The author demonstrates his storytelling skills in this tribute to his dog, Skip. Grade 1 braille. 1995.

**The Words of Martin Luther King Jr. BR 10758**
selected by Coretta Scott King
1 volume
Selections from King's speeches and writing arranged in seven areas of concern: the community of man, racism, civil rights, justice and freedom, faith and religion, nonviolence, and peace. An introduction by Coretta Scott King provides personal and historical background for King's words. Also includes a chronology of his life. 1983.

**A Beginner's Faith in Things Unseen BR 10759**
by John Hay
1 volume
Reminiscences of a life lived in harmony with the natural order, written by a man on the brink of eighty. Laments the damage wreaked on the environment through technology. Celebrates nature as it is seen through "the eye of a child." 1995.

**Saving Our Sons: Raising Black Children in a Turbulent World BR 10762**
by Marita Golden
2 volumes
An African American mother tells of her ten-year life in America after her divorce in Nigeria. She contrasts her son's relative safety overseas against the perils that beset young black males in America. She depicts actual cases of violence to dramatize her message and provide insights into the issue. Strong language. 1995.

**The Trumpet of Conscience BR 10772**
by Martin Luther King
1 volume
These five essays, delivered as radio lectures by King in November and December 1967, portray a nightmarish America of reality and the egalitarian America of his visions. They express his hopes for the future of nonviolence as a means to social revolution even in a climate of riot. 1968.

**Braille Books 1995–1996 BR 10811**
by National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
2 volumes
A catalog of braille books produced during 1995 and 1996 by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Separate sections list fiction and nonfiction subject categories. Young adult books are also included. 1996.

# Adult Fiction

**Skeleton Crew BR 10512**
by Stephen King
6 volumes
Stories primarily collected from magazines, written by a master of horror. In-

cludes such tales as "The Jaunt," a science fiction/horror hybrid; "The Monkey," a familiar tale of a demonic toy; and "Big Wheels," a humorous and macabre account set in rural Maine. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1985.

**The Fifth Conspiracy BR 10528**
by Ted Jones
4 volumes
This sequel to *Hard Road to Gettysburg (BR 9743)* portrays Civil War battles and espionage. Union officer Sam Wade becomes involved in clandestine operations deep in enemy territory, where he frees his brother from a rebel prison and discovers a plot to assassinate President Lincoln. 1995.

**The Vor Game BR 10544**
by Lois McMaster Bujold
3 volumes
Miles Vorkosigan, son of Lord Vorkosigan of the planet Barrayar, hasn't lost his knack for getting into trouble and embarrassing his family. Nevertheless, despite his physical disabilities, he graduates from the Imperial Academy, hoping for space duty. He is assigned to an arctic weather station instead. Even here he finds trouble, and he is reassigned across the galaxy for more unexpected adventures. 1990.

**His Last Bow: Some Reminiscences of Sherlock Holmes BR 10567**
by Arthur Conan Doyle
3 volumes
Seven stories by Doyle and three unsigned pieces by P.G. Wodehouse. In "His Last Bow," Holmes, crippled by attacks of rheumatism, comes out of retirement to help the British government track down a German agent. In "Wisteria Lodge," Mr. Eccles asks Holmes for help when he awakens one night at the lodge to find everyone gone, even his host. Introduction by Owen Dudley Edwards. Includes a Doyle chronology. 1993.

**Homecoming: The Holts; an American Dynasty, Volume 9 BR 10569**
by Dana Fuller Ross
3 volumes
In this sequel to *Pacific Destiny (BR 9770)*, Henry Blake is discouraged by the protracted war in Manila, but falls in love with a local woman. Frank returns from the Yukon, only to be drawn back to the West. Aspiring artist India Blackstone must fight to pursue her dreams. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

**South Sea Tales BR 10580**
by Jack London
2 volumes
Eight tales of adventure on the seas of the South Pacific. Salty, often violent characters pit themselves against each other and against nature. In "The Seed of McCoy," a smoldering ship is boarded at Pitcairn by a descendant of one of the famous *Bounty's* survivors, who guides the ship to safety. Introduction by A. Grove Day tells of London's own adventure in the south seas, which inspired and financed his writing. Some violence. 1911.

**Haveli BR 10586**
by Suzanne Fisher Staples
2 volumes
Continues the story begun in *Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind (BR 8312)*. Shabanu and her young daughter are never safe from the cruelty within Rahim's family. Hoping for a better future, she begs to go with Rahim to his ancestral

home in Lahore. But even there she remains in danger. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

**Digging to Australia BR 10593**
by Lesley Glaister
2 volumes
Just as Alice escaped to Wonderland, Jennifer longs to escape her English hometown, her terribly odd parents, and her loneliness. As she turns thirteen, all is topsy-turvy: truths and dark mysteries about her birth mother, a deceitful friend, an ominous transient, and adolescence itself. By sorting through the mysteries she finds some, but not all, answers to her questions. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1992.

**Missing Joseph BR 10620**
by Elizabeth George
5 volumes
When the St. Jameses visit Lancashire, they are shocked to learn that an acquaintance, the vicar, has died of poisoning. They are also disturbed because the constable handling the case is having an affair with Juliet Spence, the herbalist responsible for the "accidental" poisoning. But, since the vicar was trying to help Juliet with her troubled thirteen-year-old daughter, would she kill him? Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

**While the Messiah Tarries: Stories BR 10623**
by Melvin Jules Bukiet
2 volumes
Nine stories, at times magical or comic and at other times mundane or tragic, describing the lives of Jews in America. In "Gematria," a woman's visit to New York's diamond district leaves the jeweler thinking about gematria, the transliteration of names and numbers, and about his own death. In "The Golden Calf and the Red Heifer," Kleinberg the butcher tries to hide the facts that he is a vegetarian and that his knife is not kosher. 1995.

**A Plague of Dreamers: Three Novellas BR 10624**
by Steve Stern
2 volumes
Stories set in the Pinch, an isolated Jewish community in Memphis, and flavored with Yiddish phrases. Events often have a mystical quality and reveal universal longings. In the first story, "Zelik Rifkin and the Tree of Dreams," a wimpy young boy gains stature when he looks into the lives and dreams of his neighbors. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Murder at the God's Gate BR 10626**
by Lynda S. Robinson
2 volumes
The young pharaoh Tutankhamen is beset by problems: a crumbling empire, invaders at the gates, and unrest within his court. Pharaoh's adviser, Lord Meren, suspects a conspiracy and uses ingenious investigative methods to uncover a plot that threatens the Egyptian empire. Sequel to *Murder in the Place of Anubis (BR 10186)*. 1995.

**When the Rainbow Goddess Wept BR 10627**
by Cecilia Manguerra Brainard
2 volumes
When the Japanese attack the Philippines during World War II, nine-year-old Yvonne and her family flee for safety. The horrors of war are inescapable, and young Yvonne witnesses

slaughter and atrocities. For strength and hope, she turns to the legends of her people: the Woman Warrior and the Rainbow Goddess. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

**A Tale of Two Cities BR 10640**
by Charles Dickens
4 volumes
Two men who bear a strong physical resemblance to each other love the same woman. The sacrifice of one, Sydney Carton, is the climax of this classic story set in London and Paris during the French Revolution. 1850.

**Let the Drum Speak: A Novel of Ancient America BR 10654**
by Linda Lay Shuler
4 volumes
In this sequel to *Voice of the Eagle (BR 8887)*, Antelope is chosen by her mother, Kwani, to succeed her as the people's revered leader. Antelope journeys with her mate and child to the City of the Great Sun, yet is torn between enjoying her newfound power here or returning home to warn her people of impending doom. 1996.

**The Valley of Fear BR 10660**
by Arthur Conan Doyle
3 volumes
Sherlock Holmes grapples with the criminal mastermind Professor Moriarty to solve a foul murder that takes place in a Sussex manor house. The investigation uncovers an earlier and grimmer history of lawlessness and wholesale slaughter in a mining valley in the United States. Includes Doyle's chronology and an introduction by editor Owen Dudley Edwards. 1993.

**Darkness, I: Third in the Blood Opera Sequence BR 10663**
by Tanith Lee
3 volumes
Continues the saga of the vampiric and elegant Scarabae. Rachaela gives birth to Anna, who may be a reincarnation of Rachaela's first daughter. Anna grows to adolescence in two years and is kidnapped to Cain's ancient and evil underground. Sequel to *Personal Darkness (BR 10865)*. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Mirror Dance: A Vorkosigan Adventure BR 10665**
by Lois McMaster Bujold
4 volumes
In this sequel to *Brothers in Arms (BR 10666)*, Miles Vorkosigan discovers that his clone-brother and rival, Mark, has impersonated Admiral Naismith and led a raid on planet Jackson's Whole. When the mission goes awry, Miles is killed and put in cryogenic suspension. Mark revives his brother's body, then falls victim to an old foe. 1994.

**Brothers in Arms: A Vorkosigan Adventure BR 10666**
by Lois McMaster Bujold
3 volumes
Just as he is lamenting the peace that has idled his Dendarii Free Mercenary Fleet, Miles discovers that brigands have stolen the Dendarii payroll. The fact that he himself has been cloned presents Miles with the additional problem of unraveling his personal identities and loyalties. Prequel to *Mirror Dance (BR 10665)*. Violence and strong language. 1989.

**Incidents in the Rue Laugier BR 10675**
by Anita Brookner
2 volumes
After her mother's death, Maffy finds a pink silk kimono and a cryptic diary. Surprised, Maffy creates a story about her parents' lonely lives. In this tale, Maud's passion for a playboy leaves her pregnant, and the seducer's reserved friend offers the protection of marriage. Some strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Miss You like Crazy BR 10682**
by Eliza Clark
2 volumes
Marylou travels to Florida where Flossie, who was her mother and best friend, died playing gin rummy. The trip back to Kansas with her father becomes an adventure filled with odd characters, including the flighty neighbor, CeCe, who leaves her doltish husband and beetle-eating young son. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1991.

**Random Acts of Senseless Violence BR 10684**
by Jack Womack
6 volumes
The diary of twelve-year-old Lola Hart records the crises of her deteriorating family life in a crumbling, futuristic New York City. When misfortune forces her family to move to the poor and violent Upper East Side, Lola takes to the mean streets with the Death Angels, a girls' gang. Some strong language. 1993.

**Cetaganda: A Vorkosigan Adventure BR 10688**
by Lois McMaster Bujold
3 volumes
While Miles Vorkosigan and his dim-witted cousin Ivan are on a diplomatic mission to the Cetaganda Empire, the Cetagandan empress dies. After another mysterious death, Miles investigates and is drawn into a treacherous game of court politics and romance in an alien land. 1996.

**Fire in the Canes BR 10689**
by Glenville Lovell
2 volumes
A novel of magic realism set in post-slavery West Indies. When the sensuous Peata and her nubile daughter, Midra, arrive in the village, they attract the men's attention and the women's jealousy. Midra becomes pregnant by the mysterious Prince, adding to the strange happenings. Violence and explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

**The Stone Raft BR 10693**
by José Saramago
3 volumes
A parable about the European community. A series of ominous events leads to catastrophe as the Iberian Peninsula is inexplicably set adrift from the continent. The frantic residents band together in a bid to survive a world out of control. 1995.

**The View from the Summerhouse BR 10694**
by Barbara Whitnell
3 volumes
Memories come flooding back to David Holt when his son Simon calls to say he has been commissioned to write an article on Caleb Carne, a broadcaster during World War II. David often visited Caleb, his wife, and their daughters during the war and was in love with one of the girls, but it is the memory of a terrible night just before D-Day that David has tried to forget. Simon's search for

information on Caleb is interwoven with David's memories. 1994.

**Door Number Three BR 10695**
by Patrick O'Leary
3 volumes
A comely patient confides to therapist John Donelly that aliens have allowed her one year to convince a sane person that she is not of this earth. Donelly agrees to be that sane person and commences a bizarre year in which he falls in love, discovers the meaning of dreams, and saves the earth. Strong language. 1995.

**Manila Time BR 10696**
by Jack Trolley
3 volumes
In this sequel to *Balboa Firefly (BR 10531)*, detective sergeant Donahoo can't understand why a local crime boss is trying to bribe him. What Donahoo doesn't know is that his dead partner had been blackmailing the criminal and hinting that Donahoo was involved. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

**In Your Dreams BR 10703**
by Colin Neenan
2 volumes
Hale, fifteen, and his older brother, Tom, are at the beach when they first see Sheri. Hale is attracted to her but knows that with his looks he doesn't stand a chance. When Tom starts dating Sheri, Hale's crush continues. Hale is mortified when Clay, a new girl in his class, catches him spying on the couple. Since Clay is a friend of Hale's younger sister, who hates him, his secret is bound to come out. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**Letters from the Inside BR 10705**
by John Marsden
1 volume
Bored, Australian teenager Mandy answers an ad for a pen pal from a girl named Tracey. After the two develop a friendship through their letters, Mandy learns an astonishing fact about Tracey. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1991.

**A Time for Dancing BR 10714**
by Davida Wills Hurwin
2 volumes
High school girls Sam and Jules spend the summer before senior year preparing for a dance concert, struggling over Jules's breakup with her boyfriend, and agonizing about odd symptoms that baffle Jules's doctors. When she is diagnosed with cancer, the girls' friendship is put to a severe test. Strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**The Legend of Storey County BR 10715**
by Brock Thoene
2 volumes
Seth Townsend, a reporter from San Francisco, is in Virginia City, Nevada, in September 1938 to write a story on the final run of the V&T Railroad. But Seth gets a much better story when the train captain sends him to see Jim Canfield, a one-hundred-year-old escaped slave, Civil War soldier, and holder of a stake in the richest vein of silver in Nevada. 1995.

**Annotations BR 10716**
by John Keene
1 volume
Acclaimed novel about an African American child coming of age in the St. Louis suburbs during the 1960s. In po-

etic prose, describes the narrator's discovery of racial, sexual, and intellectual identity during turbulent times. Some descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Tree of Heaven BR 10724**
by R.C. Binstock
2 volumes
China, 1938. In this tale of forbidden love, Japanese officer Kuroda, stationed in China, prevents his men from raping Li and then offers her his protection. The two will come to trust and love each other, but will also realize the impossibility of a future together. 1995.

**Dancing Lessons for the Advanced in Age BR 10727**
by Bohumil Hrabal
1 volume
In one long sentence, the acclaimed Czech author presents the monologue of a spirited old shoemaker who has enjoyed a full life. His loves and lusts, the history of Czechoslovakia, and the pleasures of drink play roles in the shoemaker's story. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1964.

**An Acceptable Time BR 10728**
by Madeleine L'Engle
2 volumes
In this companion to *A House like a Lotus (BR 6368)*, sixteen-year-old Polly O'Keefe visits her grandparents' farm in Connecticut and discovers a "time gate" that takes her back three thousand years. There she meets Anaral, a Native American girl; Karralys, a druid expelled from Britain; and Tav, a warrior who has accompanied Karralys. For junior and senior high readers. 1989.

**Politically Correct Holiday Stories: For an Enlightened Yuletide Season BR 10730**
by James Finn Garner
1 volume
Garner, who wrote *Politically Correct Bedtime Stories (BR 9870)* and *Once upon a More Enlightened Time (BR 10132)*, now rewrites holiday favorites for the 1990s. Includes "'Twas the Night before Solstice," "Frosty the Persun of Snow," and "Rudolph the Nasally Empowered Reindeer." In "A Christmas Carol," Scrooge is visited by spiritual facilitators. Bestseller 1995.

**Absolution BR 10732**
by Ólafur Jóhann Ólafsson
2 volumes
He does not ask for forgiveness, but his life has been shaped by guilt over a crime of passion he committed in his youth. After fleeing his native Iceland, the wealthy and manipulative old man has spent his adult years in New York City. Estranged from his children, he reflects on the events of his life and sifts through his motivations and obsessions. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1991.

**The Ghost Road BR 10741**
by Pat Barker
2 volumes
Final book in World War I trilogy, following *Regeneration (BR 10543)* and *The Eye in the Door (BR 10645)*. Psychologist William Rivers struggles with the dilemma of healing men who must then rejoin the battle. Patient Billy Prior wants to return to the French front, though the war is nearing an end. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995 Booker Prize winner. 1995.

**An Imaginative Experience BR 10763**
by Mary Wesley
2 volumes
When Londoner Sylvester Wykes's commuter train hisses to an emergency halt, he is impressed to see a woman passenger leap to the aid of a stranded sheep. Later the housecleaner he hires turns out to be the same altruistic woman, and Wykes falls in love. 1994.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Children's Nonfiction

**Steve Wozniak: Inventor of the Apple Computer BR 10590**
by Martha E. Kendall
1 volume
Biography of a man called the father of the computer age. When Wozniak was a boy, he was very good at math and electronics. He later dropped out of college to work in the field of computers and at twenty-six founded a computer company called Apple, which produced a "small, easy-to-use, and affordable home computer." The now very wealthy Wozniak volunteers to teach children about computers. For grades 6-9. 1994.

**Wolf Cub Scout Book BR 10601**
by Boy Scouts of America
1 volume
This handbook for the first phase of Cub Scouting explains the requirements for completing the Wolf achievements and electives. Also includes requirements for the initial Bobcat badge. For grades 2-4. 1986.

**The Big Bear Cub Scout Book BR 10604**
by Boy Scouts of America
2 volumes
This handbook for the second phase of Cub Scouting explains the requirements for completing the Bear achievements and electives. For grades 2-4. 1984.

**Girls and Young Women Inventing: Twenty True Stories about Inventors Plus How You Can Be One Yourself BR 10610**
by Frances A. Karnes and Suzanne M. Bean
2 volumes
Profiles of twenty young female inventors arranged by type of invention. The authors explain the inventing process and how to turn an idea into a product. Also included are listings of organizations to contact, motivational quotations, and facts about female inventors in history. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**Zoology: Forty-Nine Science Fair Projects BR 10642**
by H. Steven Dashefsky
2 volumes
Science fair projects about animals are divided into sections on behavior, systems, animals in their environments, beyond the naked eye, animal lives, communication and senses, growth and

development, form and function, and applied science. Adult supervision required. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**Rascal BR 10678**
by Sterling North
1 volume
Although his life is full with a Saint Bernard, a family of skunks, a raucous crow, and an unfinished canoe, Sterling is captivated by a tiny raccoon kit he names Rascal. The ingenious animal quickly takes over the house and Sterling's heart but also makes enemies by stealing corn and raiding chicken coops. Until he gets too big, Rascal shares many adventures with Sterling in the Wisconsin countryside. For grades 4-7. 1963.

**A House Divided: The Lives of Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee BR 10717**
by Jules Archer
2 volumes
Joint biography of the two military leaders of the American Civil War. Archer says that although Grant's side won the war and he was later elected president, Grant proved to be inept as a civilian. In contrast, Archer says, Lee had successful military and civilian careers. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**Celebrate America in Poetry and Art BR 10729**
edited by Nora Panzer
1 volume
This book celebrates American life as seen through the work of artists and writers. Combining a sampling of poetry with visual arts from the Smithsonian's National Museum of American Art, Panzer shows the many kinds of people, landscapes, and beliefs that make up American life. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1994.

**Sweet Dreams of the Wild: Poems for Bedtime BR 10791**
by Rebecca Kai Dotlich
1 volume
Poems that explain to a sleepy child where different kinds of animals go to bed. A hummingbird sleeps in a teacup-sized nest, a turtle rests on a moss-covered log, sheep nap in the open countryside, and all "cuddle up tight with sweet dreams of the wild." For preschool-grade 2. 1996.

## Children's Fiction

**The Old Dog BR 10034**
by Charlotte Zolotow
1 volume
Ben and his dog have been together for a long time, and now his dog has become old. One morning when Ben goes to wake her up, she doesn't wag her tail or open her eyes. Ben's father quietly tells Ben that she is dead. Now Ben has no one to run and play with—until his father comes home with a surprise. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1995.

**Waterless Mountain BR 10589**
by Laura Adams Armer
2 volumes
Eight-year-old Younger Brother loves the beauty of the dawn, the sky, the rainbow, and the clouds. When the boy sees the Deer People in a vision, his uncle knows that Younger Brother can learn the songs of his Navajo people to become a powerful medicine man. Younger Brother finds adventures in nature around him, new encounters with whites, and his role as Little

Singer. Newbery Medal winner in 1932. For grades 5-8. 1931.

**Painted Devil BR 10617**
by Michael Bedard
2 volumes
While Alice's mother is confined to bed with a difficult pregnancy, Alice watches her little sister, Lela, and begins a job at the library. She is confused by the odd feelings she has about both Lela's doll and the scary devil puppet at the library. Meanwhile, Alice's secretive Aunt Emily arrives with a chilling tale about a magic show she attended twenty-eight years earlier, which she believes is about to happen again. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**Black-Eyed Susan BR 10670**
by Jennifer Armstrong
1 volume
Susie lives with her parents in a sod house on their Dakota farm. She loves the wide open spaces and likes to stand on her sod roof to watch the sunrise. But Susie's mother, who misses trees and her life back east, is becoming more and more depressed, and Susie wants to cheer her up. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**The Night the Heads Came BR 10697**
by William Sleator
1 volume
Late one night, Leo is driving his friend Tim to catch a bus to New York. Instead, the car is stopped by aliens who let Leo go but keep Tim. Afterwards Tim must remember what happened and then convince himself, Leo's parents, and the police. For grades 6-9. 1996.

**Would My Fortune Cookie Lie? BR 10702**
by Stella Pevsner
1 volume
Alexis Dawson, thirteen, and her best friend, Suzy Wing, live in the same condo building in Chicago. Alexis's mother wants to move to the suburbs, but her father has other plans. And Suzy thinks she is being followed by a stranger. For grades 5-8. 1996.

**Lost in Cyberspace BR 10713**
by Richard Peck
1 volume
Sixth-grade New Yorker Josh Lewis has problems. His parents are separated, his mother is trying to find an acceptable au pair, and his friend Aaron is trying to convince him one can use a computer to travel through time. Then Aaron accidentally brings a young woman from 1923 into the 1990s, solving one problem but creating others. For grades 4-7. 1995.

**Dakota Dream BR 10720**
by James Bennett
1 volume
Fifteen-year-old Floyd Rayfield, who has lived in foster homes most of his life, believes his destiny is to become a Dakota. No longer able to tolerate being shuffled from home to home, and without telling his counselor, Floyd heads for Pine Ridge Reservation with hopes of undergoing a vision quest and finding a place where he really belongs. For grades 6-9. 1994.

**The Tinker's Daughter BR 10731**
by Sheila Hayes
1 volume
Holly Gerard, twelve, just wants to live a normal life. But with a mom who never gave up her "flower child"

lifestyle, it is difficult. When newcomer Maddy Brown picks Holly as her best friend, Holly is overjoyed but terrified; she can't let Maddy know about her mother. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**Tales from the Brothers Grimm and the Sisters Weird BR 10739**
by Vivian Vande Velde
1 volume
Humorous reworkings of thirteen folktales by the Brothers Grimm. In "The Granddaughter," Granny and the wolf find Little Red Riding Hood so disagreeable they both plot against her. After the oldest Billy Goat Gruff disposes of the troll in "The Bridge," he knocks both brothers into the water out of spite. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**Blue Sky, Butterfly BR 10764**
by Jean Van Leeuwen
1 volume
Eleven-year-old Twig is devastated by her parents' separation. Her mother mopes around the house all day; the laundry is piling up and the refrigerator is empty. Her older brother is almost never home and stays in his room when he is, and her father has his own apartment, which Twig refuses to visit. Life is difficult—until Grandma Ruthie arrives. For grades 4-7. 1996.

**The Amazing Magic Show BR 10769**
by P.J. Petersen
1 volume
There is a magic show in town, and Hal and his big brother, Chuck, want to go. They earn the money and have a great time at the show—Chuck even disappears for a while and Hal gets scared. But when Hal tries to do some tricks at home, he wishes Chuck would disappear again. For grades 2-4. 1994.

**Katy No-Pocket BR 10792**
by Emmy Payne
1 volume
Katy is a kangaroo without a pocket. She tries to carry her son, Freddy, the way other types of animals carry their young, but nothing works. So Katy and Freddy head for the city to buy a pocket. For grades K-3. 1944.

**Mary by Myself BR 10796**
by Jane Denitz Smith
1 volume
Ten-year-old Mary is having trouble adjusting to the crib death of her baby sister, Felicity. Mary's parents are concerned about her and hope that four weeks at summer camp will be good for her. At camp, Mary develops a relationship with Laura that proves helpful, but not in the way Mary expects. For grades 3-6. 1994.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Magazines with a dagger (†) will be available beginning in January 1998. If you currently subscribe to one of the magazines that will be discontinued and replaced by a new title, you will automatically receive the new magazine and need not take any action. In all other cases, contact your braille-lending library for new subscriptions.

**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)

**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)

**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)

**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)

†**Conundrum** (British monthly)

**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])

†**Harper's** (literary; monthly)

†**Health Newsletters** (includes **Harvard Health Letter, Mayo Clinic Health Letter,** and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter;** monthly)

**Inside Sports** (monthly)

†**Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine** (monthly)

**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)

†**Martha Stewart Living** (home and entertaining; replaces **Better Homes and Gardens;** current subscribers will automatically receive new magazine; 10 issues)

†**Muse** (for children; 6 issues)

**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)

**National Geographic** (monthly)

**The *New York Times* Large Type Weekly** (weekly)

**News** (NLS quarterly)

**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)

†**PC World** (personal computing; replaces **PC Computing;** current subscribers will automatically receive new magazine; monthly)

**Playboy** (monthly)

**Poetry** (monthly)

**Popular Communications** (monthly)

**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)

**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)

†**Rolling Stone** (popular culture; 26 issues)

**Science News** (weekly)

**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)

†**Short Stories** (British monthly)

†**Spider: The Magazine for Children** (replaces **Jack and Jill;** current subscribers will automatically receive new magazine; monthly)

†**Stone Soup** (children's writings; replaces **Children's Digest;** current subscribers will automatically receive new magazine; 5 issues)

**Update** (NLS quarterly)

**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

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## Newsstand

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**Braille Revival League releases 1998 Braille Literacy Packets.** The Braille Revival League has produced its 1998 Braille Literacy Month Packet (January 1998) containing numerous resources for conducting a wide variety of braille literacy activities. The packet includes large-print information on the history of braille, recommendations for possible braille literacy projects, a sample proclamation, assorted braille literacy posters, information on the Braille Revival League, a bibliography of books about Louis Braille, a public service announcement, and other useful information. The material is also provided on an IBM-compatible 3.5-inch diskette that is included in the packet. The diskette contains ASCII, WordPerfect 5.1, and braille-translated files of the print content. In addition, there is a braille listing of the package contents. The packet is available for $5 to cover the cost of production and mailing. Send checks to the Braille Revival League, c/o Kim Charlson, President, 57 Grandview Avenue, Watertown, MA 02172-1634. You may also call (617) 926-9198 or e-mail kcharlson@acb.org

**Louis Braille Center has new address.** The Louis Braille Center can now be contacted at 320 Dayton Street, Suite 125, Edmonds, WA 98020. The center's new phone number is (425) 776-4042.

The Louis Braille Center is a nonprofit organization that provides moderately priced braille books, braille instruction, and braille transcribing services.

**National Braille Press releases Windows reference and cookbook.** *The Ten-Minute Guide to Windows 95* and *Betty Crocker and Gold Medal Product Preparation Directions and Recipes* are now available from the National Braille Press. *The Ten-Minutes Guide to Windows 95* is a three-volume reference that provides step-by-step instructions for performing basic operations. It includes keyboard commands and screen descriptions for the popular operating system. In the *Betty Crocker and Gold Medal Product Preparation Directions and Recipes*, General Mills has compiled package directions for many of its products including Bisquick, Betty Crocker, and Hamburger Helper. It consists of two braille volumes. For more information write the National Braille Press, 88 Saint Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115 or call 1-800-548-7323.

**Seedlings 1998 catalog available.** Seedlings Braille Books for Children announces that its new catalog is available. It features more than three hundred titles, including thirty-eight new ones. To order, write Seedlings, P.O. Box 51924, Livonia, MI 48151-5924, or e-mail seedlink@aol.com. You can also visit its web page at http://www.22cent.com/seedlings

The following information is reprinted from *Talking Book Topics November-December 1997.*

## *Asimov's Science Fiction* Magazine Offered on Cassette

NLS is offering *Asimov's Science Fiction* magazine on cassette rather than flexible disc in addition to the children's, young adult, and foreign-language audio magazines that were announced earlier this year. These magazines kick off a transition to the new format for all audio magazines. NLS plans to continue the transition in January 1999, changing another group of flexible-disc magazines to cassette. It is expected to take three to four years before all NLS recorded magazines will be available on cassette.

The complete list of magazine titles appears in the Magazines section of this issue and includes information about the number of issues and format of each title.

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**Audio Book Club.** The AudioBook Exchange Club offers six hundred commercially produced cassette book titles. An annual membership fee of $10 enti-

tles customers to an unlimited number of tape rentals for $4.50 each plus shipping and handling. Members can also purchase titles at a discount off the retail price. For more information, contact AudioBook Exchange Club, 867 Broadway, Bayonne, NJ 07002, telephone (201) 339-0330, fax (201) 339-2529, or Website http://members.aol.com/AudioBEC/ABEC.html

**Disaster Preparedness.** A two-cassette audio booklet titled *Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities* is available from the American Red Cross. The publication is designed to help people who have physical, visual, auditory, or cognitive disabilities prepare for natural disasters and their consequences. It includes sections on understanding disasters, disaster supplies, making your home or office safer, and creating a personal support network. The audio cassette set costs $5 and can be purchased from local American Red Cross chapters.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Adult Nonfiction

**The Life and Death of King John**
**BR 10165**
by William Shakespeare
5 volumes
First published in 1623, this is a historical drama about King John's early thirteenth-century reign. The plot deals with the ruler's cruelty toward Arthur, his nephew and the rightful heir to the throne. Other principal characters include Constance, Arthur's grieving mother, and the Bastard, illegitimate son of Richard I, John's late brother. The text makes no mention of John's role in granting the Magna Carta nor of Robin Hood, an archenemy. 1623.

**Sustaining the Earth: Choosing Consumer Products That Are Safe for You, Your Family, and the Earth**
**BR 10576**
by Debra Dadd-Redalia
4 volumes
A how-to guide for making environmentally responsible decisions. Explains how to assess a product's "sustainability," the ability to be produced, used, and disposed of ecologically. Lists common products and offers criteria for judging their environmental acceptability. 1994.

**The Time before History: Five Million Years of Human Impact BR 10579**
by Colin Tudge
4 volumes
The British science writer presents the lengthy history of human activity on the planet. He details the formation of the earth, the evolution of the animals, and the development of human beings. Tudge cites evolutionary advantages that have made humans uniquely destructive and proposes ways to save the earth, the remaining animals, and ourselves. 1996.

***Visiting Mrs. Nabokov* and Other Excursions BR 10583**
by Martin Amis
3 volumes
Collection of good-natured essays by the British author. Many of the thirty-three works are literary interviews, such as the one in the title piece with the devoted widow of Vladimir Nabokov. Amis also delves into popular culture, discussing the movie *RoboCop II*, Elton John's soccer team, and the Rolling Stones. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

**The Feel of Silence BR 10587**
by Bonnie Poitras Tucker
2 volumes
Memoir of a profoundly deaf woman who says her life has been "dominated by one burning desire—to fit into the hearing world." She learned to lip read as a toddler and has never learned to sign. Devastated when her husband left her because of her deafness, Tucker went on to excel in law school, where she now teaches. She tells of the difficulties of pretending to be hearing, such as dealing with telephone calls and conversing in the dark. 1995.

**Simply Stews: More Than One Hundred Savory One-pot Meals BR 10588**
by Susan Wyler
2 volumes
Wyler believes that one-pot dishes hold a special place in the culinary affections of cooks: there is something reassuring about a pot of stew simmering on the stove. Her collection includes standard stews such as beef and chicken, fancy fare such as lobster with whiskey cream, vegetarian stews, spicy stews for those who like theirs hot, and a selection for those who are concerned about the fat content. 1995.

**One Man's Vision: The Life of Automotive Pioneer Ralph R. Teetor BR 10592**
by Marjorie Teetor Meyer
2 volumes
Ralph Teetor's daughter tells how as a young boy in the 1890s, her father lost his sight because of an accident with a knife. She describes how he refused to let his blindness deter him from his growing love for the new automotive engine. Graduating with a college degree in mechanical engineering, Teetor worked in the family business and invented devices such as cruise control. 1995.

**A Pocket Tour of Music on the Internet BR 10603**
by Colin Berry
2 volumes
A music journalist and disc jockey discusses the basics of the Internet, necessary hardware and software, different providers, and lingo. He provides electronic addresses and brief descriptions of sites, newsgroups, and mailing lists for different aspects of music. 1995.

**The Clock of Ages: Why We Age—How We Age—Winding Back the Clock BR 10680**
by John J. Medina
3 volumes
A scientist explores the biological meaning of aging and death for lay readers. Explains how each system of the body changes with age and presents biochemical theories on the aging process. Discusses ways to combat aging. 1996.

**"I Am Who I Am": Speaking Out about Multiracial Identity BR 10681**
by Kathlyn Gay
1 volume
An overview of the cultural, historical, and political aspects of the American mixed-race experience. Gay examines the role of prejudice and racism in the difficulties faced by children of multiracial heritage, as well as negative media images and stereotypes. Includes a directory of interracial support groups. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1995.

**The Guide for Daisy Girl Scout Leaders BR 10683**
by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
2 volumes
A Girl-Scouting handbook for adult

leaders who work with girls ages five and six. Provides basic information on the foundation of Girl Scouting, its principles, beliefs, goals, membership, and program standards. Offers advice on working with Daisy Girl Scouts, planning meetings and events, and organizing program activities. 1993.

**Chicken Salads: Sixty Scrumptious Recipes for an American Classic BR 10704**

by Carole Lalli
1 volume
Lalli offers hints on buying and storing chicken, as well as on handling chicken safely. She covers basic methods for preparing chicken for use in salads and provides recipes for salads that are mainly chicken and for others with vegetables, pasta, beans, and grains. 1994.

**Cool Salsa: Bilingual Poems on Growing Up Latino in the United States BR 10706**

edited by Lori M. Carlson
1 volume
Thirty-six poems—written in English, Spanish, or both—that express Latino culture and the experience of growing up in America. The poems are divided into categories such as "School Days," "Home and Homeland," "Memories," "Hard Times," and "Time to Party." For junior and senior high readers. In English and Spanish. 1994.

**The Guide for Cadette and Senior Girl Scout Leaders BR 10736**

by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
1 volume
A Girl-Scouting handbook for adult leaders who work with girls between eleven and seventeen years of age. Provides basic information on the Girl Scout organization, its goals and traditions, programs and activities, and the roles and responsibilities of adult leaders. Explores topics of concern to girls at this age level. 1995.

**Speaking of Sadness: Depression, Disconnection, and the Meanings of Illness BR 10742**

by David A. Karp
3 volumes
A sociologist limns the human face and private experience of depression through intimate interviews with fifty affected men and women. Addresses the incidence, etiology, and treatment of this pervasive mental health problem. Discusses conditions in modern society that promote depression. 1996.

**Isabella Gardner: The Collected Poems BR 10744**

by Isabella Gardner
1 volume
More than one hundred poems written between 1955 and 1980, including thirty previously unpublished or ungathered. Gardner's subjects include motherhood, literature, politics, and nature in such poems as "West of Childhood," "Little Rock, Arkansas, 1957", "To Thoreau on Rereading Walden," "Fall in Massachusetts," and "At the Zoo." 1990.

**Safety-Wise BR 10746**

by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
2 volumes
A guide for adult leaders in establishing sound health and safety standards and practices for Girl-Scouting programs. Sets forth program standards and guidelines, activity checkpoints, and trip-planning tips aimed at ensuring the safety and well-being of girls involved in Scouting activities. 1993.

**Coping with Lupus: A Guide to Living with Lupus for You and Your Family BR 10751**
by Robert H. Phillips
3 volumes
A sourcebook of information and guidance to help people with systemic lupus erythematosus (lupus) understand and live with the condition. Explains the nature of the disease, its symptoms, and its treatment. Offers advice for lupus patients on lifestyle, emotions, and relating with others. 1991.

**Understanding Cub Scouts with Disabilities BR 10752**
by Boy Scouts of America
1 volume
A guide for helping Cub Scout leaders incorporate boys with disabilities into the Cub Scouting program. Explains various types of disabilities and suggests particular adaptations of Cub Scout activities to increase participation, success, and enjoyment for boys with special needs. 1994.

**At Peace in the Light: The Further Adventures of a Reluctant Psychic Who Reveals the Secret of Your Spiritual Powers BR 10753**
by Dannion Brinkley
2 volumes
Brinkley tells how he adjusted to the psychic ability he acquired after his near-death experiences and found his life's mission in helping hospice patients face death. Sequel to *Saved by the Light (BR 9540)*. 1995.

**In the Crevice of Time: New and Collected Poems BR 10760**
by Josephine Jacobsen
2 volumes
Anthology from an award-winning American poet. This collection spans nearly sixty years, from 1935 to 1994, and is divided chronologically into five parts. Jacobsen's work is known for its lean, elegant language and wide range of subject matter. Jacobsen explores such themes as mortality in "Spring, Says the Child," exotic aspects of travel in "The Foreign Lands," and the nature of loss in "Tears." 1995.

**Fist Stick Knife Gun: A Personal History of Violence in America BR 10768**
by Geoffrey Canada
2 volumes
Canada recounts his experiences growing up in the South Bronx and the culture of violence that governed daily survival. He reflects on the increase of inner-city youth violence and discusses programs such as New York's Beacon Schools as a way to help America's troubled youth. Strong language and violence. 1995.

***The Children of Perestroika* Come of Age: Young People of Moscow Talk about Life in the New Russia BR 10771**
by Deborah Adelman
2 volumes
Adelman returns to Moscow in 1993 to reinterview the eleven teens featured in *The Children of Perestroika (BR 10842)*. Now approaching adulthood, these Russian youths discuss their concerns about the huge social and economic changes initiated by Gorbachev in 1985. For senior high and older readers. 1994.

**Meditations: On the Monk Who Dwells in Daily Life BR 10773**
by Thomas Moore
1 volume
The author reflects on the twelve years he spent as a youth in a monastic community. He offers a series of brief meditations that he feels can illuminate and

enrich the secular life, and he contemplates "values, nuances, styles, and elements of character" that he internalized during his years in the monastery. 1994.

**So Forth: Poems BR 10774**
by Joseph Brodsky
1 volume
Rural Massachusetts, Manhattan, and the great cities of Europe provide some of the settings in these sixty-four poems, which comprise the final volume of poetry by the Nobel Prize-winning poet. Brodsky composed this body of work during the last eight years of his life by self-translating from his native Russian and also by writing directly in English. 1996.

**Oscar Wilde BR 10780**
by Jeff Nunokawa
1 volume
Shows how Wilde achieved fame in London as a poet, playwright, and the author of *The Picture of Dorian Gray (BR 9281)*, though he was later imprisoned for his homosexuality. Born in 1854 to a prominent Irish family, Wilde first gained notoriety at Oxford for his flamboyant manner and nontraditional religious views. For senior high and older readers. 1995.

**Can You Hear, Bird: Poems BR 10781**
by John Ashbery
1 volume
Collection of poems by the winner of the 1976 Pulitzer Prize and other literary awards. The works are short, cynical, and abstract and often contain humor and wordplays. Some strong language. 1995.

**Hate Groups BR 10785**
by Deborah Able
1 volume
Examination of hate groups and racism in the United States. Able looks at the history of specific groups, such as the Ku Klux Klan, the White Aryan Resistance, and Identity Christians. She also explores the thorny issue of First Amendment rights and the "freedom to hate." Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**A Reporter's Life BR 10812**
by Walter Cronkite
4 volumes
Autobiography of the journalist who rose to become known as "the nation's most trusted person." Recounts his Texas youth, his years as a war correspondent, and his entry into broadcasting to become television's first news anchorman. Offers opinions about trends in broadcast news since his retirement in 1981. Bestseller 1996.

**Finish Strong: Living the Values That Take You the Distance BR 10813**
by Richard G. Capen
2 volumes
Capen identifies personal values that lead to success and that benefit family and community. Each chapter focuses on a specific value—such as character, humility, and optimism—and includes comments from political, business, and spiritual leaders like Barbara Jordan and John Gardner. 1996.

**Walking the Black Cat: Poems BR 10814**
by Charles Simic
1 volume
A Pulitzer Prize-winning author presents poems depicting both the ordinary and the surreal. For example, "Little Unwritten Book" laments the disappearance of Rocky, a bird-tolerating black cat, while "Dogs Hear It" has Hamlet walking through "a motel in Vegas." 1996.

**Stay Here with Me: A Memoir**
**BR 10816**
by Robert Olmstead
2 volumes
The author's coming-of-age reminiscence of being an eighteen-year-old on his grandfather's New England farm. Recounts the critical experiences of his father's fall to alcoholism and his grandfather's to cancer, his first love affair, and leaving home. Strong language. 1996.

**The Irony of Free Speech BR 10818**
by Owen M. Fiss
1 volume
Explores the meaning and implications of the First Amendment principle of free speech. Contrasts the libertarian ethic of "self expression" with the democratic aim "to broaden the terms of public discussion." Advocates an active state role "to ensure free and open public debate" of issues. 1996.

**The Crack in Everything BR 10837**
by Alicia Suskin Ostriker
1 volume
Poetry that offers insights on topics including nature, illness, suffering, and feminism. Features a section of introspective poems dealing with the author's own experience with breast cancer, mastectomy, and recovery. 1996.

**Naked Earth: The New Geophysics**
**BR 10838**
by Shawna Vogel
2 volumes
Explores recent scientific theories and discoveries that enlighten understanding of earthquakes, volcanoes, magnetic fields, and other geophysical phenomena. Portrays a dynamic, active world in a process of continuous change. 1995.

# Adult Fiction

**A Study in Scarlet BR 10561**
by Arthur Conan Doyle
3 volumes
Published in 1887 when Doyle was twenty-five, this, his first book, introduces the characters of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson. Holmes tackles a gruesome case that begins with the murder of a girl and her lover in Utah, spreads to the capital cities of Europe, and reaches a fatal climax in England. Includes an introduction by editor Owen Dudley Edwards and a chronology of Doyle's work. 1993.

**The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes**
**BR 10563**
by Arthur Conan Doyle
4 volumes
Follows the *Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (BR 10562)*. Doyle offers eleven more tales of Holmes and Dr. Watson, including Holmes's meeting with Moriarty, the Napoleon of crime. In a final note, Doyle explains Holmes's demise. Includes a chronology of Doyle's work and an introduction by editor Christopher Roden. 1993.

**The Hound of the Baskervilles: Another Adventure of Sherlock Holmes**
**BR 10565**
by Arthur Conan Doyle
1 volume
The evil of Sir Hugo, master of the lonely Baskerville manor on the moors, began the curse of the Baskervilles in the seventeenth century. Now, generations later, the legendary hound howls and Sir Charles Baskerville dies. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson move in to solve the crime. Includes an introduc-

tion by editor W.W. Robson and Doyle's chronology. 1993.

**Seventeenth Summer BR 10584**
by Maureen Daly
2 volumes
A woman recalls her seventeenth summer when she lived in a small Wisconsin town in the leisurely days before World War II and fell in love for the first time. 1942.

**The Garden Where the Brass Band Played BR 10591**
by S. Vestdijk
3 volumes
As this Dutch novel begins, Nol, the central character, is a small boy who is exposed to the joys of music. As a judge's son, Nol enjoys a privileged life, but he is not immune to disappointments and hard-earned lessons ranging from resentment of an older brother to rejection by the girl he loves. 1950.

**Adventures of Huckleberry Finn BR 10687**
by Mark Twain
3 volumes
A comprehensive edition of Twain's 1885 tale about a boy who runs away from home and floats down the Mississippi on a raft with an escaping slave. Includes four episodes originally deleted from the first edition, an introduction by Twain biographer Justin Kaplan, and an addendum of explanatory and interpretive notes. Strong language. 1996.

**Pride of Lions BR 10690**
by Morgan Llywelyn
3 volumes
In this sequel to *Lion of Ireland (BR 4971)*, Donough, Brian Boru's son, vies for his father's crown after the latter's death in 1014. Plotting against Donough, however, is his formidable mother, Gormlaith, who was exiled by Boru. And Donough must choose between his bride, Neassa, and Cera the druid, of whom the church staunchly disapproves. Some descriptions of sex. 1996.

**The Lighthouse at the End of the World BR 10691**
by Stephen Marlowe
3 volumes
An experimental work combining biographical fiction, fantasy, and history. An impoverished Edgar Allan Poe sets out on a quest to recover an enchanted relic that his brother had secreted from a South Sea island. Poe enters a phantasmagorical realm, where he confronts his tragic past and encounters a gallery of characters of his own creation. 1995.

**The Dragon and the Djinn BR 10692**
by Gordon R. Dickson
3 volumes
In this sequel to *The Dragon, the Earl, and the Troll (BR 10530)*, the Dragon Knight and his friend, Sir Brian, venture to the Holy Land in search of the father of Brian's betrothed. But the quest becomes a dangerous odyssey as they encounter pirates, sea giants, and the wizardly Djinn. 1996.

**Who Brings Forth the Wind: The Kensington Chronicles, Volume 3 BR 10698**
by Lori Wick
3 volumes
Having grown up in the country, Stacy Daniels is hesitant to go to London. But at her family's urging, Stacy goes and is quickly caught up in the social season of 1853. A chance meeting with Lord Tanner Richardson soon brings happiness

and then turmoil into her life. Sequel to *Wings of the Morning (BR 9604)*. 1994.

**The Knight and the Dove: The Kensington Chronicles, Volume 4 BR 10699**
by Lori Wick
3 volumes
King Henry VIII has ordered a marriage between Bracken of Hawkings Crest and a daughter of Lord Vincent of Stone Lake. When Marigold refuses, Vincent offers his youngest, Megan. She and Bracken get off to a shaky start, but matters worsen when Marigold learns Bracken is to become a duke. Sequel to *Who Brings Forth the Wind (BR 10698)*. 1995.

**Cowboy Angst BR 10707**
by Jasen Emmons
2 volumes
When Dennis McCance comes home to Prairie View, Montana, he must break the news to his family that he has dropped out of law school. Their anger and dismay are compounded by learning of his alternate career choice: that of a drummer in a country music band. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Flash Fiction: Very Short Stories BR 10708**
edited by James Thomas and others
2 volumes
What these selections by Margaret Atwood, John Updike, and seventy others have in common is their brevity—most consisting of 250 to 750 words. One story breezes through a couple's entire marriage from meeting to retirement. Others are magical—a woman learns origami and turns all the apologies she constantly receives into folded shapes. Grade 1 braille. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1992.

**The Love Letter BR 10710**
by Cathleen Schine
2 volumes
Helen MacFarquhar is a flirtatious bookshop owner and divorced mother in her forties whose well-ordered life is disrupted by an anonymous love letter. She becomes consumed with finding the author, which leads to a secret affair with Johnny, her twenty-year-old summer employee. Some strong language. 1995.

**Zod Wallop BR 10718**
by William Browning Spencer
2 volumes
Fictional Harry Gainesborough writes *Zod Wallop* while being treated in a psychiatric hospital following the death of his daughter Amy. The book becomes a bestseller, and a producer wants to make it into a movie. Also, another patient at the hospital, who has read the book, wants to bring the characters to life. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Veronica BR 10719**
by Nicholas Christopher
2 volumes
A tale of magic and illusion. Leo falls in with the mysterious and beautiful Veronica, who needs him to contact her vanished magician father. She leads the compliant Leo on a mystical and spiritual quest through time and space. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

**Entertaining Angels BR 10721**
by Marita van der Vyver
2 volumes
South African prize-winner about Griet, a thirty-year-old woman dealing with miscarriage and divorce. With her quirky sense of humor and feminist viewpoint, she survives by rewriting

fairy tales with contemporary settings. Adam, a golden, angelic hunk, appears to fulfill her emerging fantasies. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1994.

***Musical Moment* and Other Stories**
**BR 10725**
by Yehoshua Kenaz
2 volumes
Four stories of a young Israeli boy's coming-of-age in the 1940s and 1950s. In "The Three-Legged Chicken," the narrator recalls the day of his grandfather's funeral and the men who flocked to see the spectacle of a deformed chicken. In "Henrik's Secret," the narrator wants to know why someone is "bad friends" with him. 1995.

**Mumbo Jumbo BR 10734**
by Ishmael Reed
2 volumes
Experimental novel combining form and substance. The people's movement of Jes' Grew comes from nowhere and spreads everywhere, rivaling the efforts of the Harlem Renaissance and causing consternation in the Harding cabinet. This imaginary cultural phenomenon appears in many voices that, like jazz elements, interact with a prevailing theme. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1972.

**Deep River BR 10737**
by Shusaku Endo
2 volumes
Novel of spiritual questioning by award-winning Japanese author. Four Japanese travelers visit the Ganges River in India, where they confront the dramas of their lives. The river has symbolic significance, especially evoking the convergence of the Buddhist, Christian, and Hindu religions. 1994.

**A House Divided: Good Earth Trilogy, Volume 3 BR 10743**
by Pearl S. Buck
3 volumes
In this sequel to *The Sons (BR 9578)*, Wang Yuan, son of Wang the Tiger, returns home after six years abroad to find his native China in the midst of a peasant rebellion. While his sister dishonors the family with her premarital pregnancy, and his warlord father stubbornly adheres to traditional ways, Wang Yuan tries to restore peace to his family. 1930.

**Krik? Krak! BR 10749**
by Edwidge Danticat
1 volume
Ten short stories that reflect, to some degree, the violence and despair of the author's native Haiti. "Children of the Sea" is an exchange of letters, never sent, between a young woman and her lover, who is aboard a leaky boat en route to Miami. "Nineteen Thirty-Seven" describes the harsh treatment of a Haitian woman imprisoned for witchcraft. 1995.

**Dover: The Collected Short Stories**
**BR 10750**
by Joyce Porter
2 volumes
Eleven stories published in *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine* between 1968 and 1985. Vulgar British Chief Inspector Dover fits his investigations around his more important activities: eating, drinking, smoking, sleeping, and going to the bathroom. Includes a foreword on Porter's work by writer Robert Barnard and an afterword by Porter's brother. 1995.

**Manhattan Transfer BR 10761**
by John E. Stith
3 volumes
Without warning, all of Manhattan is swept into space by an alien force and encased in a giant bubble. The trapped humans soon discover that their city is but one of many that have been kidnapped. A small group devises a way to escape and attempts to communicate with people in other bubbles. Some strong language. 1993.

**Be I Whole BR 10765**
by Gita Brown
2 volumes
Sizway, an herbalist and member of a community of black gypsies known as the Ki, marries Papa Job, a bellboy, in the 1950s. They settle down in Ohio to raise a family, but after the death of a child, Papa Job turns to gambling and alcohol. Sizway then seeks help from the Ki community to bring the family back together. 1995.

**The Fatigue Artist BR 10766**
by Lynne Sharon Schwartz
3 volumes
At age forty, Laura, a New York writer, is beset by lethargy and other mysterious physical symptoms. She suspects these are reactions to her husband's tragic death and her current, desultory love affair. When medical approaches yield no help, Laura seeks and finds relief in a journey of self-discovery. 1995.

**Spirit Seeker BR 10777**
by Joan Lowery Nixon
2 volumes
Holly Campbell is furious with her police detective father. Once again he is working late, missing an anniversary celebration with her mother. But when Mr. Campbell does arrive, he has some shocking news: Holly's boyfriend may be a suspect in the murder of his parents. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**Tears of a Tiger BR 10779**
by Sharon M. Draper
1 volume
Andy Jackson is consumed with guilt when his drinking causes an accident that kills his best friend, Robert Washington, a star athlete. Journal entries, letters, homework assignments, newspaper articles, and conversations tell the tragic story of Andy's inability to deal with his depression. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**Stress BR 10783**
by Loren D. Estleman
2 volumes
It is New Year's Eve 1972 when a Detroit cop moonlighting at a posh party shoots and kills three intruders. On the case is officer Charlie Battle, who knows the department is protecting its own yet doggedly pursues the truth up to the startling courtroom climax. Companion to *Edsel (BR 10156)*. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1996.

**Love's Children BR 10786**
by Judith Chernaik
2 volumes
The stories of four women surrounding romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley in 1816 and 1817. Fictional journals and letters tell of the loves and lives of Shelley's first wife, Harriet Westbrook; his second wife, Mary Godwin; her half-sister, Fanny Godwin; and Mary and Fanny's stepsister, Clare Clairmont. 1991.

**Three NBs of Julian Drew BR 10787**
by James M. Deem
1 volume
Julian Drew's notebooks are his lifeline to survival since the death of his mother and the subsequent abusive treatment from his cruel stepmother and his indifferent father. While forced to endure isolation and starvation in his room, Julian uses cryptic codes and veiled terminology in his journals. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**Flash Fire BR 10790**
by Caroline B. Cooney
1 volume
The teenagers living in a wealthy California canyon neighborhood are aware of fires raging nearby, but have been told they're not in any danger. Suddenly that all changes, and, without any adults to take charge, they must try to save themselves, their siblings, and their pets. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**The Best of O. Henry BR 10794**
by O. Henry
2 volumes
Twenty-six short stories, originally published in the *New York World* newspaper, about city life in the early 1900s. Includes such well-known tales as "Gift of the Magi" and less familiar ones, such as "Memories of a Yellow Dog." While their themes vary, the stories share O. Henry's incisive humor, irony, and pathos. 1978.

**The Lost Son BR 10795**
by Brent Spencer
2 volumes
It's been six months since Ellen left Redmond, her live-in lover of twelve years. Feeling guilty about also leaving her sixteen-year-old son, Nick, Ellen is on her way back to explain and find closure. Meanwhile, Nick and Redmond are waging a silent war against each other. As each of the three reflects on what led to this point, Redmond's abusive father reappears. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Smithereens BR 10798**
by Susan Taylor Chehak
2 volumes
Sixteen-year-old May Caldwell lives a dull life with her Iowa family, waiting for something to happen. And happen it does with the unexpected arrival of Frances (Frankie) Crane, a slightly older girl from Appalachia whom the family has financially sponsored. Amoral and vibrant, Frankie unlocks the latent wildness in May's troubled psyche. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Hometown BR 10799**
by Marsha Qualey
3 volumes
Sixteen-year-old street kid Border Baker is unhappy when his divorced father moves the two from Albuquerque to his small Minnesota hometown. Border's father dodged the draft during the Vietnam War, and now with the Gulf War heating up and patriotism surging, Border must bear the brunt of the town's animosity toward his father. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**A Fate Totally Worse than Death BR 10800**
by Paul Fleischman
1 volume
The Huns are a group of very rich students at Cliffside High School. Earlier three Hun girls arranged the death of an outsider who tried to date a Hun. Now Helga, a new girl, is showing interest in a

Hun boy. But as the girls make their plans for Helga, their bodies start aging rapidly. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**Taking It BR 10802**
by Michael Cadnum
1 volume
Anna Charles, seventeen, runs away to her brother's house, leaving behind her wealthy well-known father, her newly married mother, her confused feelings about her stepfather, and the latest in a string of shoplifting accusations. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**The Other Side of Silence BR 10803**
by Margaret Mahy
1 volume
Twelve-year-old Hero of New Zealand is the middle child in a family of prodigies. Hero, who has chosen not to talk to anyone, lives in two worlds. Her outward world is the one at home, but her true life is the one she experiences up in a tree and with her neighbor Miss Credence, whose house guards a shocking secret. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**Out of Time BR 10804**
by Caroline B. Cooney
2 volumes
In this sequel to *Both Sides of Time (BR 10273)*, 1990s Annie Lockwood once again travels through time to see the friends she made in 1895. The young man she loves, Strat, has been institutionalized because of his description of Annie. She is his only chance for escape. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**The Squared Circle BR 10805**
by James Bennett
2 volumes
Despite his mediocre grades, high school all-American basketball star Sonny Youngblood wins a full college scholarship. Achieving national celebrity, he soon comes under official scrutiny and begins to reexamine his priorities. Strong language and violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**The Patch of Blue BR 10806**
by Grace Livingston Hill
2 volumes
For Chris Walton, life is great. He is part of a warm and loving family, and in a few weeks he will return for his senior year in college with a brand new car. But his world is turned upside down when his bank-president father must close the bank. Chris soon learns that one person in town understands his new circumstances. 1932.

**From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun BR 10808**
by Jacqueline Woodson
1 volume
For the most part, thirteen-year-old Melanin Sun is happy living with his single mother, hanging out with his friends, and dreaming about a girl. But when forced to come to terms with differences in sexual preferences and race, Melanin Sun turns to his journal, where he records thoughts he can't speak out loud. For junior and senior high readers. Coretta Scott King Award. 1995.

**Daisy Miller BR 10809**
by Henry James
1 volume
First published in 1878, this short story tells how Daisy, an American girl, is ostracized for going sightseeing in Rome with a man but without a chaperone. 1878.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Children's Nonfiction

**I've Been Working on the Railroad BR 10037**
1 volume
A classic American folk song presented by Nadine Westcott. A young boy and his dog get a chance to ride up front with the conductor when they take a train ride from a big city out through the countryside to Dinah's Café. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1996.

**Navajo: Visions and Voices across the Mesa BR 10038**
by Shonto Begay
1 volume
Begay uses paintings, poetry, and free verse to provide insight into the culture and spirituality of the Navajo people. He explores such topics as creation, prayer, storytelling, healing, springtime, death, the significance of the coyote, the mysteries of the night, and the fear inspired by a solar eclipse. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 5-7. 1995.

**Webelos Scout Book BR 10600**
by Boy Scouts of America
2 volumes (Reissue)
This handbook for the last phase of Cub Scouting explains the requirements for earning activity badges and other awards. For grades 3-6. 1991.

**Cadette Girl Scout Handbook BR 10733**
by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
2 volumes
This official guide to Cadette Girl Scouting outlines the roots and traditions of Girl Scouting and covers such topics as healthy living and self-esteem, relationships with family and friends, life skills, and recreation. Explains the various Girl Scout awards and recognitions. For grades 6-9. 1995.

**Nearer Nature BR 10767**
by Jim Arnosky
1 volume
The noted naturalist and artist shares his observations of tracking wildlife in and around his Vermont farm over the course of one winter and spring. He scrutinizes animal tracks in the snow, attends the birth of lambs, notes the feeding habits of porcupines, and observes a fox stalking a vole. For grades 5-7. 1996.

**You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton? BR 10778**
by Jean Fritz
1 volume
Biography of Lizzie Cady Stanton. Born in 1815, Lizzie rebelled against the unjust treatment of women from the time she was a child. Later she fought alongside her friend Susan B. Anthony for the right to vote, but died in 1902, before women's suffrage came to pass. For grades 4-7. 1995.

**Sea Watch: A Book of Poetry BR 10844**
by Jane Yolen
1 volume
Yolen's fourteen poems describe the lives of such marine creatures as seahorses, white whales, sharks, leatherback

turtles, and salmon. Notes at the end of the book provide information on each of the creatures described in the poems. For grades 3-6. 1996.

***A Suitcase of Seaweed* and Other Poems**
**BR 10870**
by Janet S. Wong
1 volume
Thirty-six poems divided into three categories—Korean, Chinese, and American—that reflect the author's heritage. Wong shares insights into Asian American experiences in such poems as "Acupuncture," "Koreatown," "Tea Ceremony," "Manners," "Face It," and "Money Order." For grades 3-6. 1996.

# Children's Fiction

**Busy Lizzie BR 10031**
by Holly Berry
1 volume
Follow Lizzie through her day as she uses different parts of her body to stay very busy. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1994.

**Danny's Duck BR 10032**
by June Crebbin
1 volume
A duck flies over the school yard and settles into a pile of brush at the edge of the playground. No one sees her except Danny. For the next few weeks, Danny secretly watches the duck as she lays eggs and sits on them. Then one day Danny discovers his friend and all nine of her eggs are gone. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1995.

**Saturday Sancocho BR 10033**
by Leyla Torres
1 volume
Maria Lili looks forward to Saturday, the day she spends with her grandparents and the day they always make a chicken stew called sancocho. When she arrives one Saturday, her grandparents tell her there is no money to buy the ingredients they need. All they have is a dozen eggs. But her grandmother has an idea. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1995.

**Alejandro's Gift BR 10035**
by Richard E. Albert
1 volume
Alejandro lives in the desert in an adobe house with only his burro for company. He is very lonely until his garden begins attracting small desert animals. As Alejandro watches them drink, he devises a plan to provide water for the bigger animals too. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1994.

**In the Night Kitchen BR 10036**
by Maurice Sendak
1 volume
Mickey's dream tumbles him into the night kitchen, where three singing bakers mistake him for milk. Mickey sets them straight and flies to the Milky Way in an airplane made of dough to find milk for the bakers. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. A Caldecott Honor Book. 1970.

**Make Way for Ducklings BR 10039**
by Robert McCloskey
1 volume (Reissue)
Five helpful Boston policemen stop busy city traffic so that Mrs. Mallard can move her family of eight ducklings from their island in the Charles River to their new home in the Public Garden. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. Caldecott Medal 1942. 1941.

**My Many Colored Days BR 10040**
by Dr. Seuss
1 volume
A rhyming tale in which a child describes his moods on different days. "Some days are yellow. Some are blue." The child feels different on different days, but always goes back to being himself. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2 and older readers. 1996.

**The Cuckoo's Child BR 10726**
by Suzanne Freeman
2 volumes
Mia Veery did not like living in Beirut; she wanted to come back to the United States and be a typical 1962 American teenager in an ordinary family. When her parents disappear at sea, Mia and her two older half sisters go to live with Aunt Kit in Tennessee. There Mia finds being "typical" is not easy. For grades 6-9. 1996.

**Time Windows BR 10782**
by Kathryn Reiss
2 volumes
The day Miranda, thirteen, moves into a huge old house with her parents, she discovers an amazing dollhouse in the attic. It's a replica of the house itself, and by looking through its windows, Miranda can eavesdrop on the lives of families who lived in the house years ago. For grades 5-8. 1991.

**George Washington's Socks BR 10784**
by Elvira Woodruff
1 volume
Matthew and his friends have formed an adventure club. Their plan is to meet and talk about real adventures people have had throughout history. But at their first meeting, in which they plan to discuss George Washington's crossing of the Delaware, the members suddenly find themselves back in the time of Washington. For grades 4-7. 1991.

**When Willard Met Babe Ruth BR 10788**
by Donald Hall
1 volume
Willard Babson, twelve, and his father, Sheridan, are great fans of baseball. One day as they are herding sheep down the road, a car runs into the ditch. In the car is Babe Ruth. Over the next twenty years, Willard's fascination with the Babe grows—and then they meet again. For grades 3-6. 1996.

**A Share of Freedom BR 10797**
by June Rae Wood
1 volume
Freedom Jo Avery, thirteen, has always wondered who her father is. When her alcoholic mother is sent to a treatment center, Freedom and her little brother run away to avoid being sent to different foster homes. Eventually they are put with the Quincy family, where Freedom learns an important lesson about fathers. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**My Wartime Summers BR 10807**
by Jane Cutler
1 volume
At first World War II seems exciting as Ellen, eleven, and her friends eagerly track events and stage their own battles. A German Jewish family even moves into the neighborhood, and Ellen's father wishes he could enlist. But over the next few years, the war becomes more real as Ellen's young uncle is sent overseas. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**Absolutely Normal Chaos BR 10817**
by Sharon Creech
2 volumes
During the summer, Mary Lou, thirteen, and her classmates are to read the *Odyssey* and keep a journal to give their

new English teacher in the fall. But Mary Lou is not too keen on letting Mr. Birkway read what she has written, because when strange cousin Carl Ray came to stay, Mary Lou's summer turned into an odyssey of experiences. For grades 4-7. 1990.

**Sebastian (Super Sleuth) and the Flying Elephant BR 10836**

by Mary Blount Christian
1 volume
Sebastian is a dog who loves to solve mysteries. Shortly after the circus comes to Sebastian's town, Tahsha, the beloved elephant, disappears. Sebastian and his police-detective human begin to analyze clues. For grades 2-4. 1994.

**Meet Kirsten: An American Girl BR 10871**

by Janet Shaw
1 volume
Kirsten, who is nine, comes to America aboard the *Eagle* from Sweden in 1854. She describes her voyage, the time she got lost in New York City, and her trip to Minnesota to be with some family members who arrived several years earlier. Prequel to *Kirsten Learns a Lesson (BR 10872)*. For grades 2-4. 1986.

**Kirsten Learns a Lesson: A School Story BR 10872**

by Janet Shaw
1 volume
It is Kirsten's first day of school in America. The pioneer girl is a little scared, but her cousin Anna helps Kirsten learn her lessons. Kirsten must make an important decision when her new friend, an Indian girl, asks Kirsten to go away with her. Sequel to *Meet Kirsten (BR 10871)*. For grades 2-4. 1986.

**Meet Felicity: An American Girl BR 10891**

by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
Felicity and her family live in 1774 Williamsburg, where her father runs a general store. Felicity helps at home, but she would rather be working with her father. And when she discovers that old Mr. Nye is mistreating his new horse, Felicity knows what she must do. Prequel to *Felicity Learns a Lesson (BR 10892)*. For grades 2-4. 1991.

**Felicity Learns a Lesson: A School Story BR 10892**

by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
Felicity, almost ten, is to begin lessons in being a polite colonial Williamsburg gentlewoman. She will take classes with two girls who have just arrived from England. But when the colonists decide to boycott English tea, Felicity has some choices to make. Sequel to *Meet Felicity (BR 10891)*. For grades 2-4. 1991.

**Felicity's Surprise: A Christmas Story BR 10893**

by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
Just before Christmas in colonial Williamsburg, Felicity Merriman is surprised to receive an invitation for a dance lesson at the governor's palace. The other girls will have new gowns, and Felicity's mother decides to make her one. But then Mrs. Merriman becomes ill. Sequel to *Felicity Learns a Lesson (BR 10892)*. For grades 2-4. 1991.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Magazines with a dagger (†) will be available beginning in January 1998. If you currently subscribe to one of the magazines that will be discontinued and replaced by a new title, you will automatically receive the new magazine and need not take any action. In all other cases, contact your braille-lending library for new subscriptions.

**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)

**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)

**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)

**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)

†**Conundrum** (British monthly)

**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])

†**Harper's** (literary; monthly)

†**Health Newsletters** (includes **Harvard Health Letter, Mayo Clinic Health Letter,** and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter;** monthly)

**Inside Sports** (monthly)

†**Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine** (monthly)

**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)

†**Martha Stewart Living** (home and entertaining; replaces **Better Homes and Gardens;** current subscribers will automatically receive new magazine; 10 issues)

†**Muse** (for children; 6 issues)

**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)

**National Geographic** (monthly)

**The *New York Times* Large Type Weekly** (weekly)

**News** (NLS quarterly)

**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)

†**PC World** (personal computing; replaces **PC Computing;** current subscribers will automatically receive new magazine; monthly)

**Playboy** (monthly)

**Poetry** (monthly)

**Popular Communications** (monthly)

**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)

**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)

†**Rolling Stone** (popular culture; 26 issues)

**Science News** (weekly)

**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)

†**Short Stories** (British monthly)

†**Spider: The Magazine for Children** (replaces **Jack and Jill;** current subscribers will automatically receive new magazine; monthly)

†**Stone Soup** (children's writings; replaces **Children's Digest;** current subscribers will automatically receive new magazine; 5 issues)

**Update** (NLS quarterly)

**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

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## Group Calls for Revision of Nemeth Materials

A needs assessment group has called for the revision of the current course and examination used to certify transcribers in the Nemeth (mathematics) braille code.

The group, which met in September 1997, convened to review the course and the test for the purpose of increasing the number of competent certified Nemeth transcribers. Though the Library of Congress has been certifying transcribers in the math braille code since 1981, there are fewer than two hundred certified Nemeth transcribers in the country. Participants agreed that revising the course will make a difference.

Participating in the meeting were Von Eulert, Braille Authority of North America (BANA) Nemeth Technical Committee chair; Joanne Baldwin, National Braille Association (NBA); Elinor Savage, California Transcribers and Educators of the Visually Handicapped (CTEVH); Marcia Leibowitz, NLS Nemeth braille advisor; and Mary Lou Stark, acting head, NLS Braille Development Section.

Changes to be effective immediately are that:

- students will no longer have to use unpunched paper for the lessons and certification test, nor will they have to make maximum use of each braille line.
- transcribers may divide words and present material according to ease of use by the reader.

- standard line length of forty cells will be required, regardless of the means of production (slate, brailler, or computer).
- students will be permitted to use all computer programs for this course —direct input and translation—with the continued requirement that the final product be of high quality.
- while the majority of lessons and all certification tests must be submitted in hardcopy braille, an occasional lesson may be submitted in ASCII or simulated braille (simbraille).

The group also recommended dropping the requirement for students who take the course locally to submit the last four lessons to NLS prior to taking the certification test. Instead, transcribers who request to take the certification test must include a letter from their instructor verifying the student's successful completion of the course.

The revision process will begin with developing new certification tests. Once completed, four comparable tests will be composed to ensure overall effectiveness.

Supplemental materials will then be developed to be used with the current instruction manual to (1) clarify confusing information; (2) provide basic instruction in textbook format to prepare material in Nemeth code; (3) introduce material covered in code changes; (4) provide unit reviews for every three or four lessons; and (5) provide a self-test consisting of approximately fifteen pages of Nemeth braille. Materials will also include simbraille answers for the unit reviews and a self-test in the back of the supplement. Local instructors may receive copies of the supplemental materials as they are developed by contacting NLS. They may also be obtained from Marcia Leibowitz, 10960 Beach Boulevard, #269, Jacksonville, FL 32246; telephone (904) 645-0440.

For a long-term solution, the group recommends that NLS write a new instruction manual incorporating many of the elements of the supplementary materials.

An advisory committee will continue to function throughout the process of developing the supplemental materials and revising the instruction manual.

## National Literary Braille Competency Test Moves Forward

An NLS-commissioned group has completed a study of the requirements for effectively teaching braille to children and adults. The analysis revealed that teachers need knowledge of (1) the basic rules of braille, (2) contractions, (3) commonly used composition signs and punctuation, (4) infrequently used composition signs and punctuation, and (5) formatting. It also showed that teachers must be skilled in reading and writing braille and using braille equipment.

The study included approximately seventy-five teachers—both blind and sighted—who work in itinerant, residential, and rehabilitation settings and represent a broad range of educational, geographical, and socioeconomic environments.

The Human Resources Research Organization (HumRRO) was contracted to do the validation study of the na-

tional braille competency test for teachers in October 1996. NLS began administering the test, which was prepared at the request of several organizations of and for the blind, in 1994.

Remaining steps in the first phase of the study include linking the identified knowledge and skills to tasks involved in teaching braille, validating the test content, recommending changes to the content and administration of the test, evaluating the revised test, and determining passing scores. Completion of the study is slated for 1999.

Two hundred persons who have not previously taken the test are needed for the next phase in the process—evaluating the reliability of test results based on the administration of four comparable examinations. Individuals interested in participating should contact Dr. Deirdre Knapp, Project Manager, Human Resources Research Organization, 66 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314; (703) 549-3611.

For more information about the competency test or other programs offered by the Braille Development Section, write to the Braille Development Section, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542; call toll-free 800-424-8567; or e-mail msta@loc.gov.

The following information is reprinted from *Talking Book Topics, January-February 1998.*

## New Catalogs of Recorded Books Published

Two new large-print catalogs listing books recorded by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) will soon be available to readers. *Cassette Books 1997* describes cassette books for adults produced by NLS during the past year. *For Younger Readers 1996–1997* lists recorded and braille children's books added to the NLS collection during the past two years. Both catalogs list books by subject categories and include forms for ordering selections from cooperating libraries. Later this year, *Cassette Books* will also be produced on flexible disc, and *For Younger Readers* will be produced on cassette.

The catalogs are being sent directly to patrons who ordered them on their annual publication order forms. They can also be ordered from your cooperating library. Cassette versions of these catalogs will be available on loan at a later date.

## Magazine Changes Begin

NLS reminds patrons that many new magazine titles have been recently added to the program. The complete list appears in the Magazines section of this issue and includes information about the number of issues per year and format of each title.

# Monthly Magazine for Young Adults Begins

A new program offers young adult readers a sampling of magazines not otherwise available through the NLS program. Subscribers to Magazine of the Month for Young Adults receive a different flexible-disc magazine each month. This program is a result of recommendations from a committee that studied ways to improve the NLS magazine program. For a free subscription, contact your local cooperating library.

Readers are scheduled to receive some of the following magazines.

*Amazing Stories* (science fiction, fantasy, and horror stories)

*Backpacker: The Magazine of Wilderness Travel* (outdoor sports and activities)

*Careers and Colleges* (careers, employment, and education information)

*CD Review* (features on performers, record labels, trends in audio equipment, and music reviews)

*Funny Times* (humorous tales, satire, and jokes)

*Listen* (promotes health and self-esteem)

*Louis L'Amour Western Magazine* (stories about the old West and Native Americans)

*Quill and Scroll* (articles on high school journalism and advertising)

*The Source: The Magazine of Hip-Hop Music, Culture, and Politics* (news, reviews, and opinions on rap and hip-hop music and culture)

*'Teen* (fashion, dating, and timely issues for teenage girls)

*360°* (topics such as racism, drugs and alcohol, and rap music)

*YM: Young and Modern* (beauty and fashion, personalities, and advice)

# Magazine of the Month for Adults Continues

Adult readers may sample magazines through the Magazine of the Month program. NLS offers a different flexible-disc magazine each month. For a free subscription to Magazine of the Month, contact your local cooperating library. Readers are scheduled to receive some of the following magazines.

*Emerge: Our Voice in Today's World* (news and issues from an African American perspective)

*Family Circle* (decorating, food preparation, health and fitness, and timesaving tips)

*Food and Wine* (recipes and articles on culinary trends and topics)

*Foreign Affairs* (foreign policy and world affairs journal)

*GQ: Gentlemen's Quarterly* (fashion, travel, and dining for young men)

*Health* (articles on staying healthy and fit)

*Inc.Technology* (information on small-business management)

*Natural History* (reports on biological, natural, and earth sciences)

*Organic Gardening* (flower and vegetable gardening and environmental issues)

*PC Magazine* (trends in hardware and software for computer users)

*Redbook* (romance, family life, and beauty and fashion)

*Today's Homeowner* (home improvements, working with contractors, and yard care)

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

**Note:** For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

## Adult Nonfiction

**The Weaving, Spinning, and Dyeing Book BR 10491**
by Rachel Brown
7 volumes
Describes different looms and their uses, items needed to set up and weave, and projects for each loom. Loom types include the inkle, Hopi belt, backstrap, Navajo, and treadle. Also includes instructions for spinning and dyeing yarn, tips on making a living as a weaver, a list of suppliers, and a glossary. 1983.

**The Five Books of Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy; the Schocken Bible, Volume 1 BR 10508**
translated by Everett Fox
10 volumes
In this first volume of a new translation, Fox uses as his base the German translation done by Martin Buber and Franz Rosenzweig between 1925 and 1962. Guided by the principle that the Hebrew Bible was meant to be read aloud, Fox renders a poetic version with careful attention to rhythm and sound. Includes commentaries and notes. 1995.

**Cub Scout Leader Book BR 10606**
by Boy Scouts of America
4 volumes
Qualifications and responsibilities for Cub Scout leaders. Describes the Cub Scout program and includes instructions on teaching Cub Scout basics and ideals. 1982.

**The Scott, Foresman *Robert's Rules of Order* Newly Revised BR 10608**
by Henry M. Robert
6 volumes
First published in 1876, this manual of parliamentary procedure serves as the country's recognized guide to running and taking effective part in meetings. Revised and modernized. 1990.

**Sports, Everyone! Recreation and Sports for the Physically Challenged of All Ages BR 10738**
3 volumes
Includes directories of clubs, camps, and associations for people with various kinds of disabilities; descriptions of premier recreation and sports programs at American universities; tips on travel and tourism; regional contact listings

for wheelchair basketball; and profiles of noteworthy disabled athletes. 1995.

**I Could Do Anything If I Only Knew What It Was: How to Discover What You Really Want and How to Get It BR 10756**
by Barbara Sher
3 volumes
This sequel to *Wishcraft (BR 4309)* offers practical advice and techniques for discovering one's true likes and aspirations and for overcoming common obstacles to finding and living the "good life." 1994.

**The Idylls BR 10770**
by Theocritus
2 volumes
English translations of verse by Theocritus, a Greek born in Sicily around 300 B.C. His works range from bucolic idylls depicting the simple lives of country herdsmen, to mythological narratives, to accounts of urban affairs in the city of Alexandria. These poems helped inspire the development of later European literature. 1988.

**Baking with Julia: Based on the PBS Series Hosted by Julia Child BR 10810**
by Dorie Greenspan
6 volumes
From the Master Chefs PBS series, a collection of more than 250 recipes from some of America's best bakers, written in everyday language and using family-size proportions. Bakers include Marion Cunningham, Mary Bergin, David Blom, Joe Ortiz, Nancy Silverton, and others. Bestseller 1996.

**A Handmade Wilderness BR 10815**
by Don Schueler
2 volumes
In 1968, Schueler and his companion, Willie Brown, set out to homestead the "least worst land" they could find. Schueler recounts their twenty-five-year struggle to restore a despoiled eighty-acre tract in southern Mississippi and tells of Brown's death from AIDS in 1987. 1996.

**Crossing the Moon: A Journey through Infertility BR 10824**
by Paulette Bates Alden
2 volumes
A writer reflects on her life and tells of the stages she went through to come to terms with her infertility. Alden waited until her late thirties to try to get pregnant, then realized it would not happen naturally and began a long series of medical tests and treatments. 1996.

**The Jazz Age BR 10826**
by F. Scott Fitzgerald
1 volume
Five autobiographical essays depicting the exuberant, sybaritic years of the Jazz Age. Written during the Great Depression, the stories wistfully reflect on the excesses and abandon of the 1920s with a sense of disappointment, passing youth, and paradise lost. 1996.

**Fragments: Memories of a Childhood, 1939–1948 BR 10827**
by Binjamin Wilkomirski
1 volume
A man's memoir of his early boyhood experiences in Nazi death camps. Recounts his father's cruel death, his separation from family, the terror and suffering of his internment, and his deliverance to a Swiss orphanage. Violence. 1996.

**Sun under Wood: New Poems BR 10828**
by Robert Hass
1 volume
In this collection of twenty poems by the 1995 U.S. poet laureate, Hass explores such themes as nature in "Dragonflies Mating," solitude in "Regalia for a Black

Hat Dancer," language in "English: An Ode," and the fragility of human relationships in "Faint Music." Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

**Anatomy of Restlessness: Selected Writings 1969–1989 BR 10840**
by Bruce Chatwin
2 volumes
Seventeen pieces—essays, short stories, book reviews, and writings on travel—by the noted journalist and author. Chatwin explores themes of nomadism and exile in "I Always Wanted to Go to Patagonia," "The Attractions of France," "Bedouins," and "The Nomadic Alternative." Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

**Aftermath: The Remnants of War BR 10841**
by Donovan Webster
2 volumes
Depicts the enduring, harmful remains of twentieth-century wars, including unexploded mines and artillery shells, radioactive soil and water, and bomb-ravaged landscapes. Assesses inventor Alfred Nobel's dynamite and other efficient explosives for their role in amplifying the devastation of modern warfare. 1996.

**The Children of Perestroika: Moscow Teenagers Talk about Their Lives and the Future BR 10842**
by Deborah Adelman
3 volumes
Interviews conducted in 1989 with eleven Moscow teenagers from various educational and socioeconomic backgrounds. These youths discuss their concerns about the tremendous social, political, and economic upheaval brought on by Gorbachev's sweeping reforms. For senior high and older readers. 1992.

**Aftermath: Travels in a Post-War World BR 10843**
by Farley Mowat
2 volumes
In 1953 a Canadian army veteran of World War II retraces the route of his old regiment through England, France, and Italy. Amid the bucolic tranquillity of the postwar countryside, he recalls the horror and carnage that he witnessed. He marvels at the resilience of the people who have reclaimed their lives. Violence. 1996.

**For Love of Country: Debating the Limits of Patriotism BR 10855**
by Martha C. Nussbaum
2 volumes
Explores the philosophical debate over patriotism versus global view. The author's initial essay states that our responsibilities as "citizens of the world" supersede national allegiances. Fifteen scholars provide responses to her thesis. 1996.

**Light in My Darkness BR 10856**
by Helen Keller
1 volume
Editor Ray Silverman revised and enlarged this edition of *My Religion (BR 4072)*. Keller describes the influence that the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg had on her life from the age of sixteen. Keller wrote some of the passages as early as 1903. The original work was published in 1927 and later revised in 1960. This edition includes an introduction by Norman Vincent Peale. 1994.

**The Good Society: The Humane Agenda BR 10860**
by John Kenneth Galbraith
1 volume
Contending that big governments arise from the people's need for services, economist Galbraith explores the nature and elements of a "good society" that he finds practically achievable. He posits the essential human needs of personal liberty, basic well-being, social and ethnic equality, and individual opportunity, while offering a liberal blueprint for building a safer and better future. 1996.

**Rosie's Bakery Chocolate-Packed, Jam-Filled, Butter-Rich, No-Holds-Barred Cookie Book BR 10867**
by Judy Rosenberg
3 volumes
Approximately 150 cookie recipes that don't stint on the good stuff, like butter, nuts, and chocolate. Categories include chewy crunch, crispy chompy, bars, cakey, sandwiched together, and holiday cookies. Bestseller 1996.

**The Terrible Stories: Poems BR 10869**
by Lucille Clifton
1 volume
Forty-six poems by noted African American poet. Clifton explores such topics as breast cancer in "Lumpectomy Eve," "Scar," and "1994"; life in the American South in "Old Man River," "Memphis," and "Slaveships"; the biblical King David in "Bathsheba," "The Prophet," and "David, Musing"; and the symbolism of the fox in "A Dream of Foxes" and "The Coming of Fox." 1996.

**The War of the Dots BR 10878**
by Robert B. Irwin
1 volume
Recounts the struggle to achieve a uniform type for English-speaking blind readers. Discusses various raised-type systems, from embossed Roman letters used in the 1830s to the establishment of Standard English Braille in 1932. 1970.

**Natural Grace: Dialogues on Creation, Darkness, and the Soul in Spirtuality and Science BR 10879**
by Matthew Fox and Rupert Sheldrake
2 volumes
A theologian and a scientist explore key spiritual concerns—including creation, the soul, grace, prayer, and ritual—from their respective points of view. They challenge the mechanistic model of nature, preferring a more flexible approach that draws from various religions, philosophies, and cultural traditions. 1996.

**An American Requiem: God, My Father, and the War That Came between Us BR 10880**
by James Carroll
2 volumes
Memoir by a former priest and Vietnam war resister of his conflict with his father, a general in the military, during the 1960s. Recounts the events, struggles of conscience, and decisions that would divide his family and alter their lives forever. 1996.

**One Hundred Questions and Answers about AIDS: A Guide for Young People BR 10890**
by Michael Thomas Ford
2 volumes
Information about symptoms of HIV infection, methods of transmission, safe

sexual practices, and HIV testing. Includes interviews with four young AIDS patients and a list of AIDS-related hotlines and organizations. Strong language and descriptions of sex. For junior and senior high readers. 1992.

**Finding Home: Writing on Nature and Culture from *Orion* Magazine BR 10906**
edited by Peter Sauer
2 volumes
Essays on human coexistence with the changing natural environment. Explores such issues as acid rain, global warming, destruction of the Amazon rain forest, and the debate between preservationists and developers. Presses the theme that society and nature exist in an inexorable, mutually dependent relationship. 1992.

**Inside Out BR 10907**
by Larry Crabb
2 volumes
Dr. Crabb offers the promise that individuals really can trust God to help them overcome obstacles to realizing their God-given potential. Crabb further presents ways in which individuals can motivate themselves into taking an honest look at their potential. 1988.

**Swimming the Channel BR 10911**
by Sally Friedman
2 volumes
Scenic artist and marathon swimmer tells of meeting and falling in love with her husband, Paul. Shortly after they married, Paul began helping her train for her goal swim—the English Channel. On the day she was to fly to England, Paul was hit by a truck and killed. Swimming helped her get through the long grieving process. 1996.

**Cowgirls BR 10916**
by Candace Savage
1 volume
History of cowgirls of the American and Canadian West from the 1800s to the late twentieth century. These homesteaders, cattle dealers, rodeo performers, and ranch hands were lured westward by free land, independence, and equality. Savage profiles such pioneers as Annie Oakley and Lizzie Williams and film stars Dale Evans and Barbara Stanwyck. 1996.

**All I Really Need to Know I Learned from Watching *Star Trek* BR 10920**
by Dave Marinaccio
1 volume
Collection of philosophical essays and humorous pearls of wisdom based on principles gleaned from the *Star Trek* television series. The author demonstrates that insights from the show can be used in real life to entertain houseguests, refrain from gossip, confront conflict, and respect individuals and diverse cultures. Some strong language. 1994.

**Scrambled Eggs and Whiskey: Poems, 1991–1995 BR 10928**
by Hayden Carruth
1 volume
Poems, variously depicting passion, war, nature, political power, tragedy, and love in one's later years. One such work, "Auburn Poem," voices a father's poignant lament to his wife over their daughter's fatal cancer. Strong language. 1996.

**Supercomputers: Shaping the Future BR 10939**
by Charlene W. Billings
1 volume
Billings details the workings of the

world's fastest and most powerful computers. She explores the wide-ranging uses of supercomputers in such areas as weather, medicine, and agricultural research; industry and design; virtual reality; superconductors; and the modeling of new materials. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1995.

**Privacy: Individual Right v. Social Needs BR 10948**
by Ted Gottfried
1 volume
Explores the legal and ethical foundations of a person's right to privacy. Examines the conflicts that occur between personal privacy and the public's right to know relative to the news media, law enforcement, and computers. Presents arguments on both sides of the debate. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**Gli Antipasti: Antipasti and Other Appetizers BR 10951**
by Anna Del Conte
1 volume
Twenty-seven recipes for creating various Italian appetizers and hors d'oeuvres. Organized by category: salumi (cured meat products), crostini e bruschetta (toasted and grilled bread), insalate (salads), verdure ripiene (stuffed vegetables), and antipasti di pesce e carne (fish and meat antipasti). 1993.

**Muhammad BR 10952**
by Michael Cook
1 volume
Life of the Arab merchant turned prophet and politician who established a religious state in western Arabia in the 620s. Cook discusses the history of monotheism; Koranic law; the concepts of the *hijra*, the *jihad*, and the *umma*; the importance of Mecca; and the origins of Islam. 1983.

**Where Did Christmas Come From? BR 10955**
by Al Remson
1 volume
Remson looks at various Christmas traditions such as trees, yule logs, hanging stockings, caroling, Christmas dinners, and gift giving, and explains how they began. 1996.

**"White Pine": Poems and Prose Poems BR 10956**
by Mary Oliver
1 volume
Forty poems by the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet. Subjects pertaining to nature feature prominently in such poems as "Hummingbirds," "Blue Heron," "Deer in the Meadow," "I Found a Dead Fox," "In Blackwater Woods," "Williams Creek," "Beside the Waterfall," "At the Lake," "I Looked Up," and "White Pine." 1994.

**The Truth about Money BR 10990**
by Ric Edelman
5 volumes
A guide to financial planning for the late 1990s, a time in which the "rules of money have changed" from earlier decades in terms of taxation, personal longevity, and other factors. Explains bonds, equities, insurance, real estate, and investment strategies for managing assets. Bestseller 1996.

# Adult Fiction

**The Return of Sherlock Holmes BR 10568**
by Arthur Conan Doyle
4 volumes
Ten years after the fictional death of

Sherlock Holmes, Doyle bows to public pressure and breathes new life into his creation. Using incidents from his own life, Doyle provides thirteen adventures for his amateur detective and Holmes's frequently baffled colleague, Dr. Watson. Includes a chronology of Doyle's work and an introduction by editor Richard Lancelyn Green. 1993.

**Blue Italian BR 10722**
by Rita Ciresi
3 volumes
Hospital social worker Rosa Salvatore thinks her husband is fatigued from having an affair while teaching night school, working at the Legal Council, and studying for the bar exam. She learns that, instead, at thirty-one Gary has cancer. Rosa reflects on their flawed courtship and three-year marriage. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

**The Garlic Ballads BR 10775**
by Yan Mo
3 volumes
A tale of oppression and revolt in rural China. When a glutted garlic market in 1987 forces farmers to let their crop rot in the fields, the farmers rise in revolt against the Communist government. The resulting official retribution brings together three prisoners who reveal the hardships they have suffered. Strong language and violence. 1995.

**A Separate Peace BR 10776**
by John Knowles
2 volumes
The rivalry in the friendship of two roommates at a New Hampshire boarding school during the summer session of 1942 is dramatized by a crippling accident that leads to further tragedy. Some strong language. 1987.

**It Can't Happen Here BR 10789**
by Sinclair Lewis
3 volumes
Inspired by events that were unfolding in Europe, this 1935 cautionary tale portrays America descending into totalitarianism. In 1936, the newly elected president determines that extreme measures are needed for dealing with the liberal press and with certain groups in society. His actions bring horrifying results. 1993.

**Selected Stories BR 10819**
by Alice Munro
6 volumes
Twenty-eight short stories first published from 1961 through 1994 by the renowned Canadian writer. Lake Huron's small towns and farms provide the setting for stories that feature elaborate personalities in seemingly ordinary circumstances. Includes "Dance of the Happy Shades," "The Beggar Maid," "The Progress of Love," and "Vandals." 1996.

**The Whispering Wall BR 10821**
by Patricia Carlon
2 volumes
Middle-aged widow Sarah Oatland is paralyzed and mute from a stroke. Although her doctor, home nurse, and greedy niece Gwenyth don't realize it, Sarah is awake and cognizant, and she can hear through the wall at her headboard. When Gwenyth rents out Sarah's lower rooms, Sarah is horrified to hear the tenants plotting a murder. 1969.

**Diana: The Goddess Who Hunts Alone BR 10822**
by Carlos Fuentes
2 volumes
A fictionalized account of a Mexican writer's love affair with an American film actress in 1970, a time of social and political turmoil. Their passionate interlude ends tragically with the woman's suicide when her reputation is ruined by government slander. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Don't Call It Night BR 10823**
by Amos Oz
2 volumes
A story set in a small Israeli town about the waning relationship of a stolid middle-aged engineer and his vibrant younger lover, a schoolteacher. After one of her students dies in a drug-related incident and the teacher becomes chief advocate for a drug rehab clinic, her new role tests the limits of the couple's bond. 1994.

***The White Deer* and Other Stories Told by the Lenape BR 10825**
edited by John Bierhorst
1 volume
Native American tales of the Lenape people, who were indigenous to New Jersey and its bordering states. The legends tell of magic dogs, lost children, and heroes. The title story depicts a white deer that can give game to hunters or can protect game by killing the hunters. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**Don't Think Twice BR 10829**
by Ruth Pennebaker
2 volumes
In 1967, Anne Harper is shocked to be living in a home for unwed pregnant teenagers. She has always been studious and shy. At first Anne thinks of the baby as a tumor and her housemates as idiots, but her mood gradually changes. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Dance Real Slow BR 10830**
by Michael Grant Jaffe
2 volumes
When his wife runs off to see the world, small-town lawyer Gordon Nash is left to care for their four-year-old son. Nash contends with the trials of fatherhood and develops a special relationship with his son. After two years, Nash's wife reappears and upsets the life that he has built. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1996.

**The Diablo Grant BR 10832**
by James M. Reasoner
2 volumes
In this sequel to *Stark's Justice (BR 9708)*, Juan Espina, the town drunk of a New Mexico territory settlement, claims historical rights to nearby ranch property and has an ancient land grant to prove it. The dispute goes before Judge Stark, who rules for Espina, thus unleashing chaos in the frontier town. 1994.

**Tales of Mystery and Imagination BR 10839**
by Edgar Allan Poe
6 volumes
Forty-six popular tales including "The Tell-Tale Heart," "The Premature Burial," "The Black Cat," "The Pit and the Pendulum," "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," "The Fall of the House of Usher," "The Masque of the Red Death," "The Oblong Box," and "The Purloined Letter." Some violence. 1993.

**Pushing the Bear: A Novel of the Trail of Tears BR 10845**
by Diane Glancy
2 volumes
A tale based on the 1838 forced migration of some thirteen thousand Cherokee from their southeastern homeland to Oklahoma. The story follows the journey of a young woman and her family as they face cruelty, cold, and hunger in their struggle to survive the torturous Trail of Tears. Violence. 1996.

**Same Place, Same Things BR 10847**
by Tim Gautreaux
2 volumes
Twelve tales about working-class people and Cajun culture in rural Louisiana. In "Returnings," set in 1967, a woman is startled when a Vietnamese aviator lands his helicopter on her farm. The hapless pilot, a trainee from an American military base, has lost his way. Obligingly, the Cajun woman guides him home to his airfield. 1996.

**"G" Is for Gumshoe: A Kinsey Millhone Mystery BR 10854**
by Sue Grafton
2 volumes
Kinsey Millhone has just taken the job of locating Irene Gersh's mother, Agnes, who has not been heard from for six months. Then Kinsey learns there is a contract out on her own life. As she pursues Agnes, Kinsey works under the watchful and romantically interested eye of security expert Robert Dietz. Strong language. Bestseller 1990.

**A Difficult Truce BR 10857**
by Joan Wolf
2 volumes
Niall MacCarthy, the earl of Clancarthy, is dead. He was the last survivor of the great chiefs of old Ireland, and the Catholics would have risen to follow him and become a nation again. Can his nineteen-year-old daughter Christina take his place as head of the clan? Dreams are dashed when enemies capture Christina. Her only hope lies in her marriage to Charles Standish, duke of Dacre. But she must not allow herself to fall in love with him. 1981.

**A Dog's Life BR 10858**
by Peter Mayle
1 volume
The author presents the autobiography of the "mutt" Boy, who was abandoned at an early age by his mother, mistreated by his master, and eventually adopted by the Mayle family. Boy tells how he learned to please and manipulate "the management" and mixes a lighthearted account of his adventures with advice on dealing with the human species. Bestseller 1995.

**The Time of the Vampires BR 10868**
edited by P.N. Elrod and
Martin H. Greenberg
3 volumes
Eighteen stories of vampires down through history, from ancient Greece to the modern day. Some are tales of terror, while others seem poignant and even humorous. In the opening story, the undead spirit of a slain Athenian soldier returns to convince Socrates of death's horror and to guide him into the netherworld. Violence. 1996.

**The Red Pony BR 10887**
by John Steinbeck
1 volume
In this story, originally written in 1933, Jody Tiflin is only ten years old when he receives the red pony as a gift. As Jody matures, his experiences with horses, an old ranchhand, and the birth of a colt

teach him about the interconnections between life and death. 1994.

**Beyond Providence BR 10889**
by Steven Schnur
2 volumes
Twelve-year-old Nathan Burns lives with his family on a struggling Hudson River sheep farm. Life is hard, and his brother Eric and Pa are always fighting. In fact, their fighting drove Mama away. When Eric leaves, too, Nathan's cousin Kitty comes to help out and brings love back into the family. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Tales from *Watership Down* BR 10905**
by Richard Adams
2 volumes
Twenty-four years after writing *Watership Down (BR 2514)*, Adams now offers nineteen short stories about the lives of the rabbits since they defeated General Woundwort. Many of the stories focus on the hero El-ahriarah, and all deal with the theme of the human enemy versus the animal. 1996.

**Wrestling Sturbridge BR 10908**
by Rich Wallace
1 volume
In the small town of Sturbridge, Pennsylvania, high school wrestling is a big deal. Ben, a senior, wants to become state champion, but he will have to beat out at least one of his three higher-ranked best friends to do it. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Trouble No More: Stories BR 10917**
by Anthony Grooms
2 volumes
Twelve stories reflecting poignant episodes of life for African Americans during the civil rights era. In "Sweet Milton," Milton, confined to a mental institution, thinks he is the devil. In "Hollow and Far Away," an African American family experiences the terror of being stopped by white police. Some strong language and some violence. 1995.

**Mr. Ives' Christmas BR 10918**
by Oscar Hijuelos
2 volumes
Abandoned as an infant, Edward Ives is adopted into a devout home, studies art, finds work in advertising, marries, and raises a family. When his teenage son is murdered on a city street, Ives faces a spiritual crisis that tests his faith in the meaning of life itself. Strong language. 1995.

**No One Noticed the Cat BR 10919**
by Anne McCaffrey
1 volume
The venerable Mangan, regent of Esphania, dies, ceding the throne to Prince Jamas and bequeathing his wisdom to his cat, Niffy. When Jamas becomes the target of usurpers and falls deeply in love, Niffy protects him from harm and guides him on a true path. 1996.

**The Long Season of Rain BR 10921**
by Helen Kim
2 volumes
Eleven-year-old Junehee Lee lives a secure life in Seoul with her mother and three sisters, as her father is often away on business travel. Then her world begins to change when her family adopts an orphan boy and Junehee comes to realize that she will someday marry and leave home. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Eight Stories BR 10963**
by Dylan Thomas
1 volume
Eight short stories by the noted Welsh writer and poet. Includes "The End of the River," "The School for Witches," "The Peaches," "Just like Little Dogs," "Old Garbo," "One Warm Saturday," "Plenty of Furniture," and "The Followers." 1954.

**The Cat Who Tailed a Thief BR 10979**
by Lilian Jackson Braun
2 volumes
A rash of petty thievery, newcomers in Pickax, a wedding, and a couple of murders Down Below keep Qwilleran, who has bought a condo for the winter, and his cats, KoKo and Yum Yum, busy during the holiday season. Bestseller 1997.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Children's Nonfiction

**How Now, Brown Cow? BR 10046**
by Alice Schertle
1 volume
The subject is cows in this collection of fifteen poems. Includes "Milking," "Clever Cows," "The Cow's Complaint," "Drivin' Cows," "Cows Coming Home," "Cows Live Here," "Taradiddle," and "Moo." PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1994.

**Junior Girl Scout Handbook BR 10755**
by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
2 volumes
An introduction to the world of Scouting for Junior Girl Scouts ages eight to eleven. Explains the history, traditions, ceremonies, and recognitions of Girl Scouting. Covers a range of subjects that include safety and health, life skills, leadership, sports, and outdoor activities. For grades 3-6. 1994.

**Mummies, Dinosaurs, Moon Rocks: How We Know How Old Things Are BR 10820**
by James Jespersen and Jane Fitz-Randolph
1 volume
Describes methods used to date objects, including Carbon 14 dating, dendrochronology, DNA analysis, and thermoluminescence. Shows how these methods yield information about extinct dinosaurs, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and various items left behind by Columbus. For grades 5-8. 1996.

**Keep 'em Laughing: Jokes to Amuse and Annoy Your Friends BR 10914**
by Louis Phillips
1 volume
A collection of riddles and jokes, including knock-knocks and puns. For example: "What's the difference between a prison guard and a person with measles? One spots breakouts, while the other breaks out in spots." For grades 2-4. 1996.

**Snowbound: The Tragic Story of the Donner Party BR 10929**
by David Lavender
1 volume
Tells how, in the mid 1840s, three Illinois men tried to move their families to California. Details problems, including snow storms, a misleading guidebook, and bad luck, that led to death for forty of the eighty-eight people on this covered-wagon journey. For grades 5-8. 1996.

**Cleopatra: Goddess of Egypt, Enemy of Rome BR 10938**
by Polly Schoyer Brooks
1 volume
Life of the Egyptian ruler whose suicide in 30 B.C. ended the Ptolemaic dynasty. The author discusses Cleopatra's Macedonian heritage and descent from Alexander the Great; her relationships with Romans Julius Caesar and Mark Antony and the children borne with each; and her political and military savvy that enabled Egypt to remain independent of Rome. For grades 6-9. 1995.

**The Sierra Club Book of Weatherwisdom BR 10949**
by Vicki McVey
1 volume
Tells how to become a better forecaster by reading the signs of weather. McVey discusses such topics as how the Earth's movements affect climates and seasons, how warm and cold fronts produce storms, what atmospheric pressure is and how to measure it, and even how animal behavior can be used to predict weather. For grades 5-8. 1991.

**The Fannie Farmer Junior Cookbook BR 10991**
by Joan Scobey
2 volumes
In this revised edition of the cookbook designed to accommodate the taste of young people, the recipes have been updated to fit the more health conscious 1990s. Includes descriptions of equipment and ingredients, general cooking tips, and menu planning as well as over one hundred recipes. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1942.

# Children's Fiction

**Max and Ruby's Midas: Another Greek Myth BR 10041**
by Rosemary Wells
1 volume
Max loves to eat sweets, but his sister Ruby knows they are not good for Max. So she tells him a story about King Midas and how he was able to turn things he did not want into something else. Before long Max turns his mother into a cherry float and his father into lime Jell-O. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1995.

**Kashtanka BR 10042**
by Anton Chekhov
1 volume
A chestnut-colored dog named Kashtanka gets lost on a snowy evening while walking with her master. She is taken in by a kind circus clown and

taught to do tricks. But she still longs for her home. The story, by a famous Russian author, is more than one hundred years old. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**Mud BR 10043**
by Mary Lyn Ray
1 volume
Mud! Gooey, gloppy, mucky, magnificent mud. One night it just happens. The earth comes unfrozen and winter squishes, squcks, sops, splats, slurps, and melts into mud. Happy mud. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1996.

**Pip's Magic BR 10044**
by Ellen Stoll Walsh
1 volume
Pip, a salamander, is afraid of the dark. His frog friends tell Pip he should ask Old Abra, the wizard, for some magic that will help him be brave. Pip thinks it is a wonderful idea, but finding Old Abra means going through the dark woods and a darker tunnel. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1994.

**The Snowy Day BR 10045**
by Ezra Jack Keats
1 volume
Young Peter is thrilled to wake up to snow piled high. He spends the day crunching, sliding, building a snowman, making snow angels, and having a great time. For grades K-3. Caldecott award winner. 1962.

**The Great Ball Game: A Muskogee Story BR 10047**
by Joseph Bruchac
1 volume
Retelling of a Native American folktale. In a game of stickball between the birds and the animals, the bat plays a very special role. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1994.

**Bad Day at Riverbend BR 10048**
by Chris Van Allsburg
1 volume
One day a terrible thing happens in the small western town of Riverbend. A driverless stagecoach arrives, and the horses are covered with shiny greasy scribble marks. As the sheriff investigates, he finds people, plants, and land all have the scribblings, and he is determined to find the culprit. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1995.

**Rifles for Watie BR 10834**
by Harold Keith
3 volumes
A carefree boy learns the cruelty and savagery of war when he is sent as a Union scout to spy on a Cherokee Indian regiment and find the source of their rifles. To his astonishment, he makes good friends among the enemy and falls in love with a beautiful part-Cherokee girl. For grades 6-9. Newbery Medal. 1957.

**The Little Prince BR 10846**
by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
1 volume
The narrator's plane is forced down in the African desert, where he meets the little prince from Asteroid B-612, who freely shares his experiences with the fascinated pilot. For grades 3-6. 1943.

**The Bridge to Cutter Gap: Christy Fiction Series, Book 1 BR 10848**
by Catherine Marshall
1 volume
Christy Huddleston, nineteen, travels to her first teaching job at remote Cutter Gap in the Smokey Mountains. Her trip ends with a fall from the rickety, icy

bridge leading to the village. After recovering from her bruises, Christy nervously begins her new job. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**Understood Betsy BR 10852**
by Dorothy Canfield Fisher
1 volume
Originally published in 1917. When her doting aunt Frances can no longer take care of her, Elizabeth Ann learns that she is to be shipped off to those Vermont cousins who make children do "chores." There she discovers who really understands her. For grades 5-8. 1987.

**The War of Jenkins' Ear BR 10859**
by Michael Morpurgo
1 volume
Autumn 1952. Toby Jenkins is not looking forward to another year at Redlands Preparatory School in Sussex, England. But beginning with dinner the first night, Toby and his schoolmates know things will be different because of the new boy, Simon Christopher, who before long claims to be Jesus. For grades 6-9. 1995.

**Flying Lessons BR 10863**
by Nava Semel
1 volume
Young Hadara lives with her widowed citrus-grower father in a village in Israel. She becomes friends with their new neighbor, shoemaker Maurice Havivel, who says he used to be in a circus. Telling her that anything is possible if you practice, Maurice inspires Hadara to believe she can fly like a bird. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1995.

**Bridge to Terabithia BR 10864**
by Katherine Paterson
1 volume
Jess finds his biggest rival and best friend in Leslie, a girl who moves to his rural Virginia community from the city. Together they create Terabithia, a secret kingdom in the woods where they reign supreme—until tragedy strikes. For grades 5-8. Newbery Medal. 1977.

**Kirsten's Surprise: A Christmas Story BR 10873**
by Janet Shaw
1 volume
Christmas is just a few weeks away, and Kirsten, a young pioneer girl, longs for Papa to get their trunks from town so she can have her doll Sari. But there are many things to be done on the farm before Papa can go. The day finally arrives, but the trip almost ends in tragedy. Sequel to *Kirsten Learns a Lesson (BR 10872)*. For grades 2-4. 1986.

**Happy Birthday, Kirsten! A Springtime Story BR 10874**
by Janet Shaw
1 volume
Young pioneer Kirsten, her extended family, and the local teacher take shelter in a root cellar when a tornado threatens. While they are there, Miss Winston tells the cousins about her friendship quilt. After the disaster passes, the girls begin their own quilting projects—and their friends catch on! Sequel to *Kirsten's Surprise (BR 10873)*. For grades 2-4. 1987.

**Kirsten Saves the Day: A Summer Story BR 10875**
by Janet Shaw
1 volume
When Kirsten and Peter's puppy gets stung by a bee, they discover the nearby hive full of honey. Kirsten's pioneer family can use the honey to trade for goods. But her decision to harvest the honey herself leads to trouble. Sequel

to *Happy Birthday, Kirsten! (BR 10874)*. For grades 2-4. 1988.

**Changes for Kirsten: A Winter Story BR 10876**
by Janet Shaw
1 volume
Kirsten and Lars are out setting traps when they find a wounded baby raccoon. Kirsten takes it to their frontier home to nurse, but the raccoon gets loose and causes a fire that destroys their house. Later, good fortune comes to the Larsons when the children make a discovery in the woods. Sequel to *Kirsten Saves the Day (BR 10875)*. For grades 2-4. 1988.

**Meet Addy: An American Girl BR 10881**
by Connie Porter
1 volume
Nine-year-old Addy lives on a North Carolina plantation. In the summer of 1864, when her father and brother are sold and taken away, Addy and her mother leave Addy's baby sister with relatives and begin a dangerous trip to freedom, hoping eventually to reunite the family. Prequel to *Addy Learns a Lesson (BR 10882)*. For grades 2-4. 1993.

**Addy Learns a Lesson: A School Story BR 10882**
by Connie Porter
1 volume
When Addy Walker and her mother arrive in Philadelphia to begin life as free people, Sarah Moore and her mother meet them. The Moores help Mrs. Walker find a job, and Sarah takes Addy to school. But will Addy snub Sarah in order to be friends with the rich girls? Sequel to *Meet Addy (BR 10881)*. For grades 2-4. 1993.

**Addy's Surprise: A Christmas Story BR 10883**
by Connie Porter
1 volume
Their first Christmas as free people is approaching, and Addy Walker and her mother are busy helping Mrs. Ford finish her holiday orders. The Walkers have been saving to buy a lamp, but when a boatload of freedmen arrive, Addy and her mother decide to help them instead. Sequel to *Addy Learns a Lesson (BR 10882)*. For grades 2-4. 1993.

**Happy Birthday, Addy! A Springtime Story BR 10884**
by Connie Porter
1 volume
Addy, Momma, and Poppa are now living as free people in a Philadelphia house, and it is like being a family again—except that Sam and baby Esther are still missing. Addy makes friends with the landlord's mother, M'dear, who encourages Addy to select a special day for her birthday. Sequel to *Addy's Surprise (BR 10883)*. For grades 2-4. 1994.

**Addy Saves the Day: A Summer Story BR 10885**
by Connie Porter
1 volume
Addy, a former slave now living in post-Civil War Philadelphia, helps with a church fair to benefit families separated by the war. The children plan to make spool puppets and put on a show, but Harriet, Addy's desk partner, thinks that is silly. Then tragedy strikes, and the girls must work together. Sequel to *Happy Birthday, Addy! (BR 10884)*. For grades 2-4. 1994.

**Changes for Addy: A Winter Story BR 10886**
by Connie Porter
1 volume
Addy hopes her family, separated by slavery and the Civil War, can be together for Christmas. She is working extra hard so Poppa can make another trip to look for her aunt and uncle and baby Esther. Addy also worries about her friend Sarah, who has dropped out of school. Sequel to *Addy Saves the Day (BR 10885)*. For grades 2-4. 1994.

**In Trouble with Teacher BR 10888**
by Patricia Brennan Demuth
1 volume
Third-grader Montgomery is having a horrible day. He knows he is going to flunk his spelling test and his new teacher will get mad at him. He wishes Mrs. Wix was like his nice second grade teacher, Miss Pink, who loved his great stories and didn't care that Montgomery had problems with spelling and reading. For grades 2-4. 1995.

**Happy Birthday, Felicity! A Springtime Story BR 10894**
by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
When Felicity's grandfather arrives in colonial Williamsburg for a visit, he brings her a birthday surprise—her grandmother's guitar. Felicity promises not to take it out of the house, but is overcome by her longing to have Miss Manderly tune the guitar and teach her to play it. Sequel to *Felicity's Surprise (BR 10893)*. For grades 2-4. 1992.

**Felicity Saves the Day: A Summer Story BR 10895**
by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
Felicity's colonial family is spending the summer at Grandfather's plantation on the York River. When Grandfather gets some new horses, Felicity recognizes Penny, a colt she helped escape from its mean owner. Then her father's apprentice, Ben, is hurt, and Penny helps save the day. Sequel to *Happy Birthday, Felicity! (BR 10894)*. For grades 2-4. 1992.

**Changes for Felicity: A Winter Story BR 10896**
by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
Felicity's favorite horse, Penny, is going to have a foal. But there is trouble in colonial Williamsburg. The father of Felicity's friend Elizabeth is in jail for being a Loyalist, and Jiggy Nye is there for debt. Grandfather helps them both, but the cold costs him his life. Sequel to *Felicity Saves the Day (BR 10895)*. For grades 2-4. 1992.

**Silent Superstitions: Christy Fiction Series, Book 2 BR 10897**
by Catherine Marshall
1 volume
Christy is the new teacher at a rural mission school. After a good first week, Christy notices that her students seem wary and distant. Then she learns of a local woman's rumor that Christy is cursed. Christy must summon all of her courage to overcome the superstition of the mountain people. Sequel to *The Bridge to Cutter Gap (BR 10848)*. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**The Angry Intruder: Christy Fiction Series, Book 3 BR 10898**
by Catherine Marshall
1 volume
In this sequel to *Silent Superstitions (BR 10897)*, teacher Christy Huddleston is plagued by malicious pranks and suspects one of her students. Meanwhile, Christy is in trouble with her mentor, Miss Alice, over soliciting donations for the mission school. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**Midnight Rescue: Christy Fiction Series, Book 4 BR 10899**
by Catherine Marshall
1 volume
Ruby Mae, one of Christy's students, disappears in a storm. In her search for the girl, Christy happens upon a gang of moonshiners desperate to prevent anyone from exposing their illicit enterprise. Christy uses courage and cunning to evade the outlaws and recover Ruby Mae. Sequel to *The Angry Intruder (BR 10898)*. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**The Proposal: Christy Fiction Series, Book 5 BR 10900**
by Catherine Marshall
1 volume
When David Grantland, the handsome minister, asks for her hand in marriage, Christy is delighted, but hesitant to commit. Then she is blinded in a riding accident, and all of her dreams for the future seem to be in jeopardy. Eventually, Christy recovers her sight and begins to see things in a new light. Sequel to *Midnight Rescue (BR 10899)*. For grades 5-8. 1996.

**Christy's Choice: Christy Fiction Series, Book 6 BR 10901**
by Catherine Marshall
1 volume
When Christy receives an offer to teach in her hometown of Asheville, she makes a decision that stands to affect her entire future. During a train wreck on her return to Cutter Gap, Christy experiences a life-changing insight that clarifies her destiny. Sequel to *The Proposal (BR 10900)*. For grades 5-8. 1996.

**See You Around, Sam! BR 10909**
by Lois Lowry
1 volume
Four-year-old Sam Krupnik comes home from school delighted with a set of fangs that makes him look disgusting. His mother won't let him wear them in the house, so Sam decides to run away to Alaska. But after Sam leaves home, he needs food and a drink of water—and maybe there isn't any reason to hurry to Alaska. For grades 3-6. 1996.

**Here There Be Dragons BR 10910**
by Jane Yolen
1 volume
Five poems and eight stories about dragons by Jane Yolen, who precedes each with an introductory note about the piece. The collection includes "Why Dragons?" "The Dragon's Boy," "The Making of Dragons," and "Here There Be Dragons." For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1993.

**George's Marvelous Medicine BR 10915**
by Roald Dahl
1 volume
George doesn't have any brothers or sisters. He lives on a farm miles away from everything, so there are never any kids to play with. He is tired of staring

at cows and sheep and pigs and hens. And he is especially tired of living with his mean, old grizzly grunion of a grandma, who is always complaining and bossing him around. So one day, he substitutes for her medicine a fantastic bubbling brew he makes himself. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1981.

**Miracles on Maple Hill BR 10930**
by Virginia Sorensen
1 volume
As a newly returned POW, a father experiences difficulty in adjusting to his old way of life. When the family moves into a country farmhouse, his ten-year-old daughter sees magic in the changing seasons, and eventually in the changes in her father. For grades 4-7. Newbery Medal. 1956.

**Happy Birthday, Molly! A Springtime Story BR 10934**
by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
During World War II, Emily Bennett, an English girl Molly's age, has come to stay. Molly is excited, but Emily is very quiet, and the girls have a hard time becoming friends. But they do, just in time for Molly's birthday. Then they can't agree on how to celebrate. Sequel to *Molly's Surprise (BR 10933)*. For grades 2-4. 1989.

**How Do You Spell GEEK? BR 10980**
by Julie Anne Peters
1 volume
Eighth graders Ann and Kimberly are busy practicing for the national spelling bee when Ann is asked to help home-schooled Lurlene through her first days in class. Everyone, Kimberly included, makes fun of Lurlene's geeky ways, and Ann is mortified to be associated with her. So why does Ann suggest Lurlene join them in the spelling bee? For grades 4-7. 1996.

**The Pain and the Great One BR 10981**
by Judy Blume
1 volume
An eight-year-old girl and her six-year-old brother tell all about each other. She thinks that their parents love him best, and he thinks that they love his sister more than they love him. For grades 2-4. 1974.

**Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin BR 11001**
by Lloyd Moss
1 volume
Musical instruments take their place, one by one, on the stage until there is a chamber group of ten. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1995.

**Do You See a Mouse? BR 11002**
by Bernard Waber
1 volume
The Park Snoot Hotel is very fancy, and the staff makes sure everything is always clean and neat. But one day there is a big commotion in the hotel. Someone has seen a mouse! PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1995.

**The Shepherd Boy BR 11003**
by Kristine L. Franklin
1 volume
A young Navajo boy discovers that one of his sheep is missing when he brings in his family's flock one evening. He then must rescue the lost lamb before nightfall. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1994.

**Swimmy BR 11004**
by Leo Lionni
1 volume
Swimmy is the only black fish in a school of little red fish who live in a cor-

ner of the sea. One day a big fish comes along and eats all the little red fish, but Swimmy, who can swim very fast, escapes. He is very sad, until he starts meeting all the other wonderful creatures in the sea. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1963.

**Two Mrs. Gibsons BR 11006**
by Toyomi Igus
1 volume
A girl recalls growing up with two Mrs. Gibsons—her mother, who is Japanese, and her grandmother, who is African American. She explains how their love for her overcame racial barriers. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1996.

**Some Smug Slug BR 11010**
by Pamela Duncan Edwards
1 volume
While out strolling one summer Sunday, a slug struggles up a bumpy slope that is blocking his path. Despite the warnings of a sparrow, a spider, a swallowtail, a skink, and a squirrel, the slug continues on . . . until a toad has a succulent meal. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1996.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Conundrum** (British monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])
**Harper's** (literary; monthly)
**Health Newsletters** (includes **Harvard Health Letter, Mayo Clinic Health Letter,** and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter;** monthly)
**Inside Sports** (monthly)
**Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine** (monthly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Martha Stewart Living** (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
**Muse** (for children; 6 issues)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**The *New York Times* Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
**PC World** (personal computing; monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
**Rolling Stone** (popular culture; 26 issues)
**Science News** (weekly)

**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)
**Short Stories** (British monthly)
**Spider: The Magazine for Children** (monthly)
**Stone Soup** (children's writings; 5 issues)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)
**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

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# In Brief

## BANA Announces Plans for 1998

The Braille Authority of North America (BANA) met in Atlanta, Georgia, December 8–9, 1997, and elected officers, adopted new codes, and formed new committees.

Serving in 1998 are Dolores Ferrara-Godzieba of Associated Services for the Blind, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, chairperson; Betty Niceley of the National Federation of the Blind, Baltimore, Maryland, vice chairperson; Phyllis Campana of the American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, Kentucky, secretary; and Charlotte Begley of the Clovernook Center of Cincinnati, Ohio, treasurer.

In addition, the BANA Board approved the official use of the following braille codes:

- *Braille Formats: Principles of Print to Braille Transcription* (formerly the *Code of Braille Textbook Formats and Techniques*)
- the International Supplement for Braille Music Notation, which will be incorporated into the *Manual of Braille Music Notation, American Edition 1998.* (The new code book will be available in print, in braille, and on CD-ROM.)
- the Braille Code for Chemical Notation (based on the *Nemeth Code of Braille Mathematics and Scientific Notation 1965)*

The BANA Board is developing a specifications manual to be used when preparing codes for publication.

BANA has also announced plans for a website to be available by the spring. The group formed an Ad Hoc Committee on Braille Signage and a new BANA

Technical Committee on Tactile Graphics.

The Spring BANA meeting will be in Washington, D.C., April 27–28, 1998.

## Reliability Study Postponed

*Braille Book Review,* January–February 1998, carried a story on the National Literary Braille Competency Test in which people interested in participating in the reliability portion of the study were asked to call the Human Resources Research Organization (HumRRO). The response has been overwhelming.

Revisions of the test, however, will take longer than originally anticipated. Therefore, the reliability portion of the study will not begin this summer. Anyone interested in participating or wishing more information about the test and related study should wait for future announcements. Please do not contact HumRRO at this time.

## Braille Bibliography Features Books on Well-Known Personalities

The braille version of *Entertainers*, a bibliography listing books available from the NLS collection about the lives of film, television, and recording stars will be released this spring.

Patrons and libraries who requested the publication on their annual order forms should automatically receive their copies in the mail. Others may request *Entertainers* from their local cooperating libraries. It is also available through the Internet by accessing the NLS home page at http://www.loc.gov/nls

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Beginning with this issue, *Talking Book Topics (TBT)* on cassette will include selected articles from *News*, a quarterly newsletter from NLS. *News* reports programs, services, research, and developments in library service for blind and physically handicapped persons. Articles cover news of a national scope, and a Network Exchange section focuses on information about activities at local cooperating libraries. The International Briefs section highlights trends and projects in libraries around the world.

Four times a year, "Selections from *News*" will be located on side four of the cassette following the text of *TBT*. No changes in subscription are necessary to receive the newsletter. *News* is also available on subscription in regular print and in braille and from the NLS Internet site in electronic form.

## *Cassette Books 1996* Recorded Edition Published

*Cassette Books 1996* has been produced by NLS in flexible-disc format. The catalog describes flexible-disc and cassette books for adults produced in 1996. It lists fiction and nonfiction books by subject category and also includes sections

with bestsellers, young adult books, and Spanish books.

*Cassette Books 1996* was mailed directly to patrons who had previously ordered *Cassette Books 1995*. The catalog can also be obtained from your cooperating library. A cassette version is available on loan from cooperating libraries as RC 43228.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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**Note:** For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

## Adult Nonfiction

**The Guide for Brownie Girl Scout Leaders BR 10676**
by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
4 volumes
The basic Girl-Scouting resource for adult leaders who work with girls ages six to eight. Explains the organization, goals, and program standards of Scouting. Contains a complete edition of the Brownie Girl Scout Handbook, featuring stories and interactive activities. 1993.

**The Guide for Junior Girl Scout Leaders BR 10757**
by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
4 volumes
A Girl-Scouting handbook for adult leaders who work with girls ages eight to eleven. Provides basic information on the history, goals, and organization of Girl Scouting. Contains a complete edition of the Junior Girl Scout Handbook, featuring chapters on safety and health, life skills, leadership, and activities. 1994.

**Hit Me with Music: How to Start, Manage, Record, and Perform with Your Own Rock Band BR 10833**
by Stephanie Powell
1 volume
Handbook on organizing and managing one's own rock music group. Powell offers both creative and technical tips on all phases of the music business: using public address systems, mixing live music, utilizing recording studios, promoting a band, negotiating contracts, and avoiding the perils of the business. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**The Road Less Traveled and Beyond: Spiritual Growth in an Age of Anxiety BR 10853**
by M. Scott Peck
3 volumes
In this sequel to *Further along the Road Less Traveled (BR 9391)*, Peck offers additional ways in which people can lead more fulfilling lives in a world full of stress and anxiety and discusses how "we can come to exist in a closer relationship to the Holy." 1997.

**Witnessing America: The Library of Congress Book of Firsthand Accounts of Life in America, 1600–1900 BR 10913**
edited by Noel Rae
6 volumes
Compendium of narratives—taken from letters, diaries, memoirs, court records, pamphlets, and periodicals—documenting three centuries of the American experience. Each chapter ad-

dresses a theme: arriving, upbringing, pairing, working, housing, eating, playing, praying, erring, ailing, and departing. Some violence and some strong language. 1996.

**Tolstoy's Dictaphone: Technology and the Muse BR 10922**
edited by Sven Birkerts
3 volumes
Essays by nineteen writers presenting disparate perspectives on the effects of digital technology on individuals and society. Viewpoints range from optimism that e-mail will promote social cohesion to dismal predictions of the demise of literary culture. 1996.

**Romeo and Juliet BR 10925**
by William Shakespeare
3 volumes
A sixteenth-century romantic tragedy of two teenagers from rival families who fall in love. A sentence of exile and an impending arranged marriage force the two to flee. A friar suggests a ruse to accomplish their union, but miscommunication causes it to backfire. 1993.

**Empire of Light: A History of Discovery in Science and Art BR 10926**
by Sidney Perkowitz
2 volumes
A physicist explores the phenomenon of light in science and art. Recounts key research and discoveries through history, leading to the contemporary theories of relativity and quantum physics. Discusses light as both a pervasive force in human life and an aesthetic medium in art. 1996.

**The Astonishing Hypothesis: The Scientific Search for the Soul BR 10927**
by Francis Crick
3 volumes
Nobel laureate Crick presents his study of the brain and the nature of human consciousness. Beginning with the hypothesis that each person's identity is nothing more than "the behaviour of a vast assembly of nerve cells and the associated molecules," Crick approaches his study through visual awareness and concludes that his hypothesis is plausible but more research is needed for proof. 1994.

***Reflections on a Gift of Watermelon Pickle* and Other Modern Verse BR 10940**
compiled by Stephen Dunning and others
1 volume
More than one hundred poems on a variety of topics. Includes "How to Eat a Poem" by Eve Merriam; "Dreams" by Langston Hughes; "Lost" by Carl Sandburg; "Sonic Boom" by John Updike; "A Patch of Old Snow" by Robert Frost; and "in Just-" by e.e. cummings. For junior and senior high readers. 1966.

**Frederick Douglass: In His Own Words BR 10947**
edited by Milton Meltzer
2 volumes
Sixty-six speeches and editorials by the renowned nineteenth-century abolitionist. Douglass holds forth on such topics as the myth of the contented slave, the condition of free blacks, the history of the slave trade, and the theory of racial inferiority. Includes profiles of ten of Douglass's contemporaries. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1995.

**La Pastasciutta: Pasta Dishes BR 10950**
by Anna Del Conte
1 volume
Twenty-three recipes for creating Italian pasta dishes, including how to make homemade pasta and various accompanying sauces. Recipes include baked

lasagne, macaroni and cheese, tagliolini, tagliardi, tagliatelle, tonnarelli, spaghetti, ravioli, and sauces such as pesto, tomato, and bolognese. 1993.

**Evolution Isn't What It Used to Be: The Augmented Animal and the Whole Wired World BR 10953**
by Walter Truett Anderson
3 volumes
Portrays the world and humankind as in a profound evolutionary transition, because of convergence of the biosciences with information technologies. Argues that a bionic planet is emerging, as computers augment our brains and as vaccines and artificial organs modify our bodies. Explores questions of ethics and equity. 1996.

**Bone Black: Memories of Girlhood BR 10958**
by bell hooks
1 volume
Noted African American feminist recalls the pain and alienation of growing up female and black in a poor, rural southern family. Hooks describes attending a newly integrated school and learning society's roles for men and women. She recalls enjoying the literature that inspired her to write. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

**Composer to Composer: Conversations about Contemporary Music BR 10960**
by Andrew Ford
3 volumes
Wide-ranging interviews with thirty composers, mostly British and Australian. The speakers discuss their own work, attitudes, and views as well as politics, art, and religion. They provide insights into their inner lives and motivations. 1993.

**The Opening of the American Mind: Canons, Culture, and History BR 10961**
by Lawrence W. Levine
2 volumes
Refutes the neoconservative view that the "democratization of the university" has led to "the collapse of the entire American educational structure." Argues that college curricula have always evolved to reflect the values of general society. Predicts continued academic diversity in America's multicultural society. 1996.

**Cultures in Conflict: Christians, Muslims, and Jews in the Age of Discovery BR 10962**
by Bernard Lewis
1 volume
A perspective on the historically eventful year of 1492, when Columbus discovered America and Catholic Spain vanquished Islam and expelled the Jews. Examines the significance of Christian Europe's ascendancy and expansion, as well as the implications for the development of the twentieth-century world. 1995.

**Straight Talk about Teenage Suicide BR 10966**
by Bernard Frankel and Rachel Kranz
1 volume
Explores the "rising epidemic" of teenage suicide from social, family, and personal perspectives. Discusses circumstances and motives that incline young people to consider ending their lives. Offers advice for getting help. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**Stop Osteoarthritis Now! Halting the Baby Boomers' Disease BR 10970**
by Harris H. McIlwain and Debra Fulghum Bruce
2 volumes
This handbook on osteoarthritis offers

a self-help treatment plan that involves moist heat and medication; a prevention program that emphasizes exercise and weight control; various techniques in stress reduction; and advice on nonstandard treatments, such as nutritional supplements and acupuncture. 1996.

**Two Teenagers in Twenty: Writings by Gay and Lesbian Youth BR 10983**

edited by Ann Heron

2 volumes

Forty-one essays by gay and lesbian youth ranging in age from twelve to twenty-four. The authors relate their experiences in dealing with their sexuality and the difficulties encountered in "coming out" to family and friends and finding a network of support. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 1994.

**The American Bar Association Guide to Home Ownership: The Complete and Easy Guide to All the Law Every Home Owner Should Know BR 10984**

by American Bar Association

2 volumes

Explanation of the legal framework of rights and duties associated with home ownership. Discusses forms of ownership, deeds, titles, insurance, taxes, and the financial side of owning a home. Gives tips on avoiding liability, remodeling without getting swindled, and resolving problems with neighbors. Addresses special concerns of aging home owners. 1995.

**The Passions of Fatherhood BR 10987**

by Samuel Osherson

2 volumes

A psychotherapist recounts his own personal and intimate experiences as a father. Depicts the love, anger, excitement, and frustration of being a parent and offers insights and guidance for effective fathering. Advises fathers to get to know their children and to give them their time and encouragement. 1995.

**This Noble Land: My Vision for America BR 10988**

by James A. Michener

3 volumes

A celebrated author assesses the state of America and identifies nine major problems that threaten the nation's survival in the twenty-first century. Laments social fragmentation, educational decline, unfair distribution of wealth, and other adverse trends. Calls for a return to traditional values combined with increased social spending. 1996.

**Slaughterhouse: Bosnia and the Failure of the West BR 10989**

by David Rieff

3 volumes

Depicts persecution and genocide of the Muslims in Bosnia starting in 1992. Decries the acquiescence of Western nations in failing to intervene and the inaction of United Nations peacekeepers who simply enforce the status quo. Strong language and violence. 1995.

**This Wild Darkness: The Story of My Death BR 10993**

by Harold Brodkey

1 volume

A novelist chronicles his passing life and the indignities of his infirmity as he lies dying with AIDS. He ponders his youthful experiences with homosexuality, his devotion to his wife, his love for his writing career, and his "passage into nonexistence." Strong language. 1996.

**Selected Poems: The Centenary Edition BR 10997**
by Edna St. Vincent Millay
1 volume
This gathering of poems begins with "Renascence," a poem Millay entered in a contest in 1912 and that brought her immediate recognition. The simplicity and accessibility that sometimes prompted critics to pass over her poems is the very skill that also created her appeal and made her work popular for nearly forty years. Her lyricism is discussed in an extensive introduction. 1991.

***How to Travel with a Salmon* and Other Essays BR 11054**
by Umberto Eco
2 volumes
Forty-one pieces give Eco's curmudgeonly commentaries on the follies of modern life. His topics include telegrams, fax machines and cellular phones, private and public libraries, and sequels. One lengthy parody entitled "Stars and Stripes" is a science fiction tale of intergalactic sex and espionage. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

**Dizzy Gillespie and the Birth of Bebop BR 11074**
by Leslie Gourse
1 volume
Life of the jazz trumpeter who pioneered a progressive style of jazz known as bebop in the 1940s and 1950s. The author discusses how Gillespie, along with such musicians as Charlie Parker and Thelonious Monk, introduced to jazz more complex harmonies, adventurous improvisation, and quicker tempos. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**Sonnets from the Portuguese: A Celebration of Love BR 11081**
by Elizabeth Barrett Browning
1 volume
These forty-four sonnets by the Victorian author were probably written mostly during her courtship with Robert Browning. They represent one of the most famous sonnet sequences executed in English and include the well-known "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." For high school and older readers. 1986.

# Adult Fiction

**Watership Down BR 10851**
by Richard Adams
4 volumes
A fable about a band of rabbits who set out bravely for a new home in the English countryside. They encounter many dangers and adventures along the way and finally make it to safety after rescuing some does who become their mates. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1972.

**Personal Darkness: Second in the Blood Opera Sequence BR 10865**
by Tanith Lee
3 volumes
The Scarabae vampires settle in an elegant house outside London after being burned out by young Ruth, who flees her clan. She finds her way through London by drinking the blood of her unwitting hosts. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

**My Drowning BR 10877**
by Jim Grimsley
2 volumes
Story of a woman reminiscing about her

girlhood in rural North Carolina, where she grew up poor and abused in a dysfunctional family. Haunted by a recurring dream of her mother drowning in a river, she analyzes the painful memories and reaches a new level of self-awareness. Strong language. 1997.

**Belgarath the Sorcerer BR 10904**
by David and Leigh Eddings
6 volumes
In this prequel to the Belgariad and the Malloreon series, Belgarath the Sorcerer is encouraged by his grandson, Garion, to explain how the evil god Torak split the world apart and how Aldur set it right again with Belgarath's help. 1994.

**Dragon's Blood BR 10937**
by Jane Yolen
2 volumes
Jakkin Stewart steals a hatchling dragon and trains it secretly in the desert. If Heart's Blood, the young dragon, can win in the gaming pits, his young owner can buy his freedom and win the love of a mysterious girl. Jakkin can't even think of what will happen if his dragon loses. First book of the Pit Dragon trilogy. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1982.

**Another Way to Dance BR 10957**
by Martha Southgate
1 volume
Vicki Harris, fourteen, has been chosen to study at the School of American Ballet for the summer. Her family is concerned that Vicki will have to turn her back on her African American heritage to succeed in the mostly white world of ballet. As the summer progresses, Vicki must deal with her own concerns about race. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1996.

**Hard Times BR 10964**
by Charles Dickens
3 volumes
A protest against materialism, set in an industrial coketown in mid-nineteenth-century England. Governed solely by self-interest, Thomas Gradgrind destroys his children, Louisa and Thomas, by a complete absence of sympathy and sentiment. 1854.

**Rabbit, Run BR 10965**
by John Updike
3 volumes
Weary of his marriage, Henry leaves his pregnant wife and job and lives with a prostitute. He returns home after his child is born but leaves again at the death of the infant. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1960.

**Hollywood Kids BR 10967**
by Jackie Collins
4 volumes
Spoiled offspring of dysfunctional Hollywood families share love and adventure. Jordanna Levitt, a movie producer's daughter, assists handsome, cruel movie star Bobby Rush. Cheryl Landers runs a call-girl service with Grant Lennon, a struggling agent. Then an ex-convict turns on the heat. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. Bestseller 1994.

**Whiteoaks of Jalna BR 10968**
by Mazo de la Roche
3 volumes
Finch, the awkward, misunderstood musical genius of the Whiteoak family, finds growing up difficult. Events reach a climax when his eccentric old grandmother dies and leaves her fortune to him. Sequel to *Jalna (BR 4977)* and prequel to *Finch's Fortune (BR 5044)*. Some strong language. 1929.

**Old Lover's Ghost BR 10976**
by Joan Smith
2 volumes
Charity Wainwright's father has the unusual power of being able to communicate with ghosts. Thus Charity and her father spend a lot of time traveling, and she has little time for herself—or romance. But their visit to Keefer Hall does hold some promise. 1994.

**Rabbit Redux BR 10982**
by John Updike
4 volumes
In this sequel to *Rabbit, Run (BR 10965)*, it's the summer of 1969, Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom is ten years older, and now it's his wife who is leaving. Harry takes an eighteen-year-old runaway into his home, becoming her lover as well as her father-protector. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1971.

**This Side of Paradise BR 10994**
by F. Scott Fitzgerald
2 volumes
The author's first novel, which catapulted him to fame at the age of twenty-three, relates the life and times of a young college man born healthy, wealthy, and extraordinarily good-looking. 1920.

**Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida BR 10995**
by Victor Martinez
1 volume
A Chicano boy comes of age and is inducted into a gang in a hardscrabble California desert town. As his dysfunctional family suffers one setback after another, he struggles to overcome poverty and prejudice and grow up a respected person. Violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Mining the Oort BR 10999**
by Frederik Pohl
3 volumes
There isn't much wrong with Mars that a decent atmosphere wouldn't fix. So Mars's Dekker DeWoe is happy humans are mining comets from the Oort cloud and sending them to Mars to create a livable atmosphere. When he has to move out of the comets' path, Dekker heads to Earth hoping to become a member of the mining team. But surprises await. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1992.

**Talent Night BR 11053**
by Jean Davies Okimoto
1 volume
Although his sister claims Asians can't be rap artists, Rodney Suyama plans to prove her wrong. If that happens and Ivy Ramos becomes his girlfriend, life will be perfect. This fantasy is interrupted when Rodney's Japanese great-uncle demands proof that Rodney and his sister have retained their Japanese culture. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**War Drums BR 11072**
by John Vornholt
2 volumes
On the colony world of Selva, a small band of Klingons, survivors of a long-ago space wreck, have reverted to a savage state and are attacking the human settlement. Lieutenant Worf of the starship Enterprise leads a landing party to contact the Klingons. An all-out war between the Klingons and the human colonists appears to be inevitable. In addition, Worf learns that a more deadly force is at work on the planet. A

Star Trek: The Next Generation novel. 1992.

**Wren to the Rescue BR 11175**
by Sherwood Smith
2 volumes
Wren and Tess have become close friends while living at Three Groves Orphanage, but Wren is still surprised when Tess announces she is really a princess and has been hiding from the evil King Andreus. The time has come for Tess to return home, and she takes Wren with her. But they are only there one day when Tess is kidnapped. Prequel to *Wren's Quest (BR 11176)*. For junior and senior high readers. 1990.

**Wren's Quest BR 11176**
by Sherwood Smith
2 volumes
Exhilarated by saving Tess in *Wren to the Rescue (BR 11175)*, Wren is eager for more excitement. She also wants to find her own parents now that she sees how happy Tess is to be back with her family. Wren, now attending magician's school, takes time out to look for her parents—and is off on another adventure. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

**Wren's War BR 11177**
by Sherwood Smith
2 volumes
In this sequel to *Wren's Quest (BR 11176)*, Princess Teressa is returning from a diplomatic mission when she sees her parents being brutally murdered. With the help of Wren, Tyron, Connor, and their magic, Tess prepares to take on the role of ruler. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**The Tangle Box BR 11179**
by Terry Brooks
3 volumes
Ben Holiday, sovereign of the Magic Kingdom of Landover, allows confidence-man Horris Kew to return from exile on Earth. But Horris has become the unwitting dupe of the evil sorcerer Gorse, who plans to enslave the fairy folk of Landover and imprison Ben and his companions in the Tangle Box. Sequel to *Wizard at Large (BR 7846)*. 1994.

# Books for Children

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## Children's Nonfiction

**Girl Scout Badges and Signs BR 10745**
by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
3 volumes
Instructions for earning up to ninety-eight badges in the five Girl Scout worlds of interest: well-being, people, today and tomorrow, arts, and the out-of-doors. Requirements for three signs are also included. For grades 4-7. 1990.

**The Boy Scout Handbook BR 10747**
by Boy Scouts of America
4 volumes
This official guide to Scouting explains the history, ideals, and organization of the Boy Scouts of America; outdoor knowledge and skills; safety and first aid; and other elements of the Scouting program. Provides guidance for advancing in the ranks from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1990.

**Backyard Safaris: Fifty-two Year-Round Science Adventures BR 10986**
by Phyllis S. Busch
1 volume
Thirteen activities for each of the four seasons that explore the wonders of nature. Includes such activities as measuring raindrops, catching and keeping snowflakes, tracking animals in the winter, hunting for insect eggs, and investigating dead trees for signs of life. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**The Reasons for Seasons BR 11008**
by Gail Gibbons
1 volume
Explains how the sun warms the Earth as it rotates on its axis giving the people on our planet days of various length and warmth and causing the four seasons of the year. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 1995.

***Skin Deep* and Other Teenage Reflections BR 11070**
by Angela Shelf Medearis
1 volume
Collection of poems about the problems teenagers face in growing up. Expressing the pride, anger, and loneliness teens often feel, the verses cover concerns about school, family, friends, and appearances. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1995.

**Malcolm X: Black Rage BR 11071**
by David R. Collins
1 volume
Life of the charismatic African American leader and minister of the Nation of Islam who was assassinated in 1965. Describes his troubled youth and eventual incarceration for burglary. Also discusses the personal and spiritual transformation that led to his conversion to Islam while he was in prison. Some strong language. For grades 5-8. 1992.

# Children's Fiction

**Merlin and the Dragons BR 10050**
by Jane Yolen
1 volume
Shortly after pulling the sword from the stone and becoming king, young Arthur is troubled by a dream. He turns to Merlin, who tells him a story of another young boy and his visions of dragons. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**Meet Molly: An American Girl BR 10931**
by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
In 1944 Molly McIntire's father is a doctor serving in England. At home, her mother works for the Red Cross, and Mrs. Gilford, the housekeeper, takes care of Molly, nine, and her siblings. Halloween is soon, and Molly and her friends are planning their costumes. Prequel to *Molly Learns a Lesson (BR 10932)*. For grades 2-4. 1989.

**Molly Learns a Lesson: A School Story BR 10932**
by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
During World War II, Molly's third-grade class participates in the Lend-a-Hand Contest to help the war effort. The boys decide to collect tinfoil, and the girls decide to knit socks, but none of them can knit very well. At the last minute, Molly comes up with a new idea. Sequel to *Meet Molly (BR 10931)*. For grades 2-4. 1989.

**Molly's Surprise: A Christmas Story BR 10933**
by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
Christmas 1944 approaches, but the McIntires are sad that their father will be in England. Molly, however, is certain he will send a box of Christmas surprises. Then Molly finds a box buried in the snow on the front steps marked "keep hidden until Christmas." Sequel to *Molly Learns a Lesson (BR 10932)*. For grades 2-4. 1989.

**Molly Saves the Day: A Summer Story BR 10935**
by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
Molly and her friends are having a great time at summer camp during World War II, but each girl has a problem: Molly can't swim underwater, Susan can't paddle a canoe straight, and Linda is afraid of wiggly bugs. As the camp's Color War begins, each girl must overcome her own obstacle. Sequel to *Happy Birthday, Molly! (BR 10934)*. For grades 2-4. 1988.

**Changes for Molly: A Winter Story BR 10936**
by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
Molly's dance class plans a big finale for the World War II veterans, and Molly hopes to play Miss Victory. The McIntires have just heard that Dad should be home for the show, and Molly hopes he will find her more grown up. But then she gets sick. Sequel to *Molly Saves the Day (BR 10935)*. For grades 2-4. 1988.

**Meet Samantha: An American Girl BR 10941**
by Susan S. Adler
1 volume
Samantha, a nine-year-old orphan, is more interested in playing with her friend, Nellie, who works next door, than in learning the values her wealthy grandmother thinks are proper in 1904. When Grandmary's seamstress leaves suddenly, the girls take a midnight trip to find out why. Prequel to *Samanatha Learns a Lesson (BR 10942)*. For grades 2-4. 1986.

**Samantha Learns a Lesson: A School Story BR 10942**
by Susan S. Adler
1 volume
Samantha, a girl of the early 1900s, is delighted to learn that Grandmary has found a job for Samantha's friend Nellie and her family at a nearby house. Best of all, Nellie and her sisters will be going to school. But after her first day, Nellie vows never to go back. Then Samantha has an idea to help. Sequel to *Meet Samantha (BR 10941)*. For grades 2-4. 1986.

**Samantha's Surprise: A Christmas Story BR 10943**
by Maxine Rose Schur
1 volume
Samantha is sure Christmas 1904 will be the best ever. She has been invited to a party and has a new dress to wear. Then Grandmary tells her that Uncle Gard is bringing his girlfriend Cornelia with him for the holidays, and Samantha is afraid her plans will be ruined. Sequel to *Samantha Learns a Lesson (BR 10942)*. For grades 2-4. 1986.

**Happy Birthday, Samantha: A Springtime Story BR 10944**
by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
Aunt Cornelia's twin sisters, Agnes and Agatha, have come to visit Samantha for her birthday. They have wonderful ideas for celebrating, but some of them turn out not quite as hoped. So to make the day even more special, they invite Samantha to spend some time in New York City with them. Sequel to *Samantha's Surprise (BR 10943)*. For grades 2-4. 1987.

**Samantha Saves the Day: A Summer Story BR 10945**
by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
Samantha's family is spending the summer of 1905 at Grandmary's mountain home. While Grandmary is entertaining her long-time English friend, Admiral Beemis, Samantha and her cousins find lots to do. One day, after discovering Samantha's mother's old sketchbook, they decide to take a trip to Teardrop Island—alone. Sequel to *Happy Birthday, Samantha! (BR 10944)*. For grades 2-4. 1988.

**The Halloween Tree BR 10971**
by Ray Bradbury
1 volume
On Halloween night, eight boys arrange to meet their friend, Pipkin, at the haunted house outside of town. Before the others reach him, though, Pipkin is grabbed by a dark Something. For grades 4-7. 1972.

**Is It Time? BR 11007**
by Marilyn Janovitz
1 volume
A wolf cub and its parent get ready for bed. The cub takes a bath, brushes

fangs, combs bangs, and settles down for sleep. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1994.

**Tom's Tail BR 11009**
by Linda Jennings
1 volume
Tom is a piglet who doesn't like the fact that his tail is curly. So the other barnyard animals try to straighten Tom's tail for him. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1995.

**Partners BR 11052**
by Karen Waggoner
1 volume
After their sister's cat runs away, Jamie and his older brother Gordon are allowed to buy some mice. Jamie is thrilled when his pet has babies, until he learns that Gordon plans to sell them as snake food. For grades 2-4. 1995.

**The Story of Paul Bunyan BR 11056**
by Barbara Emberley
1 volume
Includes tales of how the mighty lumberjack Paul Bunyan and his big blue ox Babe cleared the land for planting in Kansas and Iowa, and how they dug the Mississippi River. For grades K-3. 1963.

**Henry and Mudge and the Best Day of All: The Fourteenth Book of Their Adventures BR 11069**
by Cynthia Rylant
1 volume
On the first day of May, Henry wakes up and informs Mudge that today is Henry's birthday. But all Mudge does is roll over and snore. It takes several promises of good treats to eat to get Mudge going. But then Henry and Mudge have the best day of all! For grades K-3. 1995.

**Paddy's Pot of Gold BR 11073**
by Dick King-Smith
1 volume
It is early on the morning of her eighth birthday that Brigid meets P.V.W.R.H. O'Reilly, a leprechaun. Paddy, as he is called, has always been around; in fact, he is 174 years old. But this is the first time conditions have been right for Brigid to see him. And now Brigid is in for some interesting times. For grades 3-5. 1990.

**Red Hen and Sly Fox BR 11076**
by Vivian French
1 volume
Red Hen always wears an apron with a pocket, and in the pocket she has a needle and thread and a pair of scissors so she can do mending for her friends in the woods. One day Sly Fox comes to ask Red Hen to mend a pair of socks for him, but he really wants to have Red Hen for supper. For grades K-3. 1994.

**The Pied Piper of Hamelin BR 11078**
by Robert Browning
1 volume
Folktale in verse. The town of Hamelin employs a mysterious piper to save them from a plague of rats. When the townspeople refuse to pay him for his work, the piper takes magical revenge. For grades 3-6. 1842.

**Tooter Pepperday BR 11080**
by Jerry Spinelli
1 volume
Tooter Pepperday is hopping mad. Her family is moving to her aunt's farm where there are no Big Macs and no pizza delivery. Once there, Tooter is even more outraged when she's told to baby-sit an abandoned egg and to turn it each day until it hatches. For grades 2-4. 1995.

**James and the Rain BR 11087**
by Karla Kuskin
1 volume
In this counting book, James puts on his yellow coat that buttons to his chin and a pair of rubber boots to tuck his trousers in, pulls down his bright yellow hat onto his head, opens his big black umbrella, and steps out into the rain. As he strolls along, James meets an ever increasing number of animals—from one cow to ten cats. For preschool-grade 2. 1957.

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by R.L. Stine
2 volumes
Because he must earn twenty points for after-school activities, Ricky Beamer has signed up to work on the school newspaper. But editor Tasha just doesn't seem to like Ricky, who is considered somewhat of a nerd, and gives him silly assignments. Then Tasha kicks him off the paper. Ricky is so furious, he seeks revenge. For grades 4-7. 1996.

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# In Brief

## Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

**Personal Planner Features Braille-Display Output**

HumanWare, Inc., is introducing the Braille Companion, a portable personal organizer that has speech and braille-display output. The unit features built-in software that accommodates taking notes, creating and formatting documents, looking up addresses, scheduling appointments, calculating figures, and printing or brailling files. It is user friendly; holds "hundreds of files"; uses voice prompts, simple menus, and built-in help messages; and has an online users' manual. For more information contact HumanWare, Inc., at 6425 King Road, Loomis, CA 95650; 800-722-3393; (fax) (916) 652-7296; e-mail info@humanware.com.

**Magazine for African Americans**

A bimonthly braille magazine for African Americans with visual impairments is available for $22 per year. *Invisible Sight,* compiled by Taletha M. Crawley, features political discussions, African American history, celebrity interviews, poetry, and more. Contact Avenues to Explore for the Blind, Inc., 3189 South Waring Street, Detroit, MI 48217-1042, (313) 382-7191.

**Device Embosses Currency**
The Braille Money Marker is a pocket-sized device that can be used to emboss print money with the numbers 1, 5, 10, and 20. Available from Braille Mark LLC, it costs $30. Write Braille Mark LLC at 121 Fulton Street, Second Floor, New York, NY 10038; or toll-free 800-345-6667; fax (212) 619-9137.

**Kraft announces new braille products**
Kraft Creative Kitchens has introduced three new braille publications: *Baker's Easiest Ever Chocolate Recipes, Package Preparation Directions,* and *Holiday Homecoming Cookbook. Baker's Easiest Ever Chocolate Recipes* contains confections for the time-conscious cook and sells for $10. *Package Preparation Directions* presents instructions for cooking Kraft favorites such as Shake 'n Bake, Macaroni & Cheese, Stove Top Stuffing Mix, and DiGiorno. It is available for $12.95. In addition, Kraft will send purchasers product coupons equaling the cost of the cookbook. Both publications are available from the National Braille Press, 88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115; phone (617) 266-6160 or toll-free 1-800-548-7323; fax (617) 437-0456.

The *Holiday Homecoming Cookbook* is a special collection of easy, festive recipes for appetizers, main dishes, accompaniments, and deserts. Six bonus recipes offer fast, tempting recipes for chicken dishes. It is available for $12.95 from Braille International, 3290 South East Slater Street, Stuart, FL 43997; phone (407) 286-8366 or toll-free 800-336-3142.

Offers are good while supplies last, through January 1, 2001.

The following information is reprinted from *Talking Book Topics, May–June 1998.*

# Letter from National Advisory Group

The members of the National Advisory Group on Collection-Building Activities wish to thank their fellow patrons and librarians for their input on the NLS program. Please be assured that your ideas and suggestions were thoroughly discussed and incorporated into the recommendations that the committee made during its deliberations in September 1997. Copies of recommendations from the September meeting and NLS responses to the suggestions are available upon request by writing to Consumer Relations, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, DC 20542 or by e-mail to nls@loc.gov. Please indicate whether you prefer large-print, audio cassette, or braille format.

The group meets again at NLS on September 16–18, 1998. Please continue to assist us by contacting committee members or your cooperating library with your suggestions. Certain suggestions, such as the addition of a recommended book, are time-consuming to implement because of the many production and quality-checking steps in the audio recording and brailling processes. Do not let these time constraints discourage you from forwarding your comments. Input from readers is a key ingredient in the success of our program.

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# Student Financial Assistance

An audio publication giving information on academic financial assistance for disabled students is now available from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education. The recording is in the form of a conversation between a disabled student and a counselor from the department's Federal Student Aid Information Center. In their dialog, the student and specialist discuss federal financial aid programs and also talk about state and private sources of funds for eligible students.

For a cassette or compact-disc copy

of the publication, write Student Aid Audio Guide, Federal Student Aid Information Center, P.O. Box 84, Washington, DC 20044-0084.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

**Note:** For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

## Adult Nonfiction

**The Private Science of Louis Pasteur BR 10664**
by Gerald L. Geison
4 volumes
A scientific biography of Louis Pasteur that draws from previously sealed laboratory workbooks and lecture notes. Gives an overview of his career with a focus on optical isomers and germ theory. Reappraises Pasteur's discovery of rabies and anthrax vaccines in light of flaws in his scientific method and his duplicity in dealing with the public. 1995.

**Beyond the Double Night BR 10679**
by Ken D. Thompson
1 volume
Life story of James Morrison Heady, an American novelist, poet, inventor, philosopher, musician, and composer. Born in 1829, Heady, who became both blind and deaf, invented the "Talking Glove" and Diplograph embossing typewriter. Traces Heady's advocacy of the production of books in raised letters as a significant force behind the founding of the American Printing House for the Blind. 1996.

***Better Homes and Gardens* New Cook Book BR 10866**
edited by Jennifer Dorland Darling
11 volumes
Twelve hundred recipes designed to reflect the healthier eating habits sought by many Americans. After a chapter covering cooking basics, twenty sections range from appetizers to vegetables, with nutritional information for each recipe. Where applicable, recipes are marked as quick to prepare or low in fat. 1996.

**Driving Force: The Natural Magic of Magnets BR 10912**
by James D. Livingston
3 volumes
A far-ranging discussion of magnets, a key "driving force" in modern technology. Explains the theory of magnetism and its varied uses throughout history. Delves into modern applications in physics, astronomy, transportation, health science, warfare, entertainment, and other areas. 1996.

**The Two Gentlemen of Verona BR 10924**
by William Shakespeare
1 volume
First printed in the folio of 1623, this is a romantic comedy about two sets of lovers. Proteus is in love with Julia, who returns his affection. Valentine goes to

Milan and falls in love with Silvia. When Proteus visits his friend in Milan, he too falls for Silvia. Meanwhile, Julia, dressed as a boy, becomes a page to Proteus. Complications and heartbreaks ensue, but finally Julia's constancy brings her success in love. 1964.

**The Center Holds: The Power Struggle inside the Rehnquist Court BR 10959**
by James F. Simon
3 volumes
An inside perspective on the ill-fated conservative attempt during the Reagan and Bush years to reverse the Supreme Court's liberal legacy. Focuses on civil rights and liberties involving racial discrimination, abortion, criminal law, and First Amendment freedoms. Examines the court's decision-making process. 1995.

**Spago Desserts BR 10969**
by Mary Bergin and Judy Gethers
3 volumes
Recipes for making all types of desserts served at Los Angeles's award-winning Spago restaurant. Includes recipes for chocolate cakes, white cakes, cheesecakes, pastry shells, pies and tarts, puff pastry and phyllo, brioche, brownies, muffins, pound cakes, truffles, candied fruit, cooked fruits, cookies, biscotti, shortcakes, and frozen desserts. 1994.

**The Place Where Souls Are Born: A Journey into the Southwest BR 10972**
by Thomas Keneally
2 volumes
An Australian traveler reflects on the history, people, cultures, and landscapes of the vast American Southwest. Considers such points of interest as the traditions of Mormonism, the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos, and the enigmatic Anasazi, a culture that seemed to disappear around the year 1300. 1992.

**Cupcakes BR 10992**
by Ceri Hadda
2 volumes
Hadda presents more than one hundred recipes for making cupcakes, from the basics to complex ones such as apple whole wheat, cuppuccinos, espresso-chocolate chip, cherry chip, pecan pie, and fudge brownie. She also includes recipes for numerous frostings and suggestions for finishing flourishes. 1995.

**New and Selected Poems BR 11000**
by Donald Justice
1 volume
Works of the Pulitzer Prize-winning American poet written between 1959 and 1995. Includes selections from *The Summer Anniversaries* (1960), *Night Light* (1967), *Departures* (1973), *Selected Poems* (1979), and *The Sunset Maker* (1987), as well as a group of more recent poems. 1995.

**Going the Distance: One Man's Journey to the End of His Life BR 11060**
by George Sheehan
1 volume
Sheehan, a cardiologist and marathoner well-known for his books on running, learned at sixty-seven that he had inoperable prostate cancer. Sheehan writes about the physical process of dying and his struggle during the last seven years of his life to find peace of mind. 1996.

**American Islam: Growing Up Muslim in America BR 11063**
by Richard Wormser
1 volume
The author provides an overview of Islam—its origins, history, and practice in America. Includes comments from young Muslims who discuss how they

keep their faith amidst a more permissive American society. The author also examines the Nation of Islam, its prominent leaders, and its growth within the African American community. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**No Time to Say Good-bye: Surviving the Suicide of a Loved One BR 11066**
by Carla Fine
2 volumes
Seven years before writing this book, the author learned that her forty-four-year-old husband had killed himself. She relates her experiences in dealing with her anguish, discusses the stories of the people she met in survivor groups, and provides comments from experts. Includes lists of related organizations, resources, and support groups. Some violence. 1997.

**A Justice for All: William J. Brennan Jr. and the Decisions That Transformed America BR 11068**
by Kim Isaac Eisler
3 volumes
Portrays the life of Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan Jr. During his thirty-three years on the bench, Brennan used his penchant for persuasion and compromise to advance his progressive views on civil rights and liberties. Eisler argues that by 1990, Brennan had become the most influential justice of his era. 1993.

**Cooking with Steam: Spectacular Full-Flavored Low-Fat Dishes from Your Electric Steamer BR 11075**
by Stephanie Lyness
2 volumes
Recipes developed specifically for electric steamers include vegetable dishes, fish, shellfish, poultry, meat, and desserts. Also includes descriptions of types of steamers and provides steaming times for plain vegetables and rice. 1996.

**The Quiet Heroes of the Southwest Pacific Theater: An Oral History of the Men and Women of CBB and FRUMEL BR 11077**
by Sharon A. Maneki
1 volume
Firsthand accounts by communications intelligence practitioners in the Southwest Pacific theater during World War II. Tells how the breaking of enemy codes aided in the timing and planning of Allied campaigns and "shortened the ground war in the Pacific." 1996.

**Ants on the Melon: A Collection of Poems BR 11085**
by Virginia Hamilton Adair
1 volume
First collection of poetry from the octogenarian American poet. These eighty-three poems explore a broad range of subject matter and are organized into the following sections: "Ants on the Melon," "By Old Maps," "Driving Westward," "The Genesis Strain," "Exit Amor," and "Make Light of Darkness." Some descriptions of sex. 1996.

**She Stoops to Conquer BR 11180**
by Oliver Goldsmith
2 volumes
This eighteenth-century English play—which satirizes the genre known as "sentimental comedy"—involves a series of deceptions and misunderstandings pertaining to identity and social class as two parents struggle to arrange marriages for both of their children. 1771.

**Blake BR 11182**
by Peter Ackroyd
5 volumes
Life of the eighteenth-century English poet, painter, and engraver who died in 1827. Ackroyd examines the influence of William Blake's dissenting parents on his philosophical and religious views. He also frames the complex and challenging body of Blake's work, which went largely unnoticed in his lifetime because of the great social and political changes of his era. 1995.

**Women Who Kept the Lights: An Illustrated History of Female Lighthouse Keepers BR 11195**
by Mary Louise and J. Candace Clifford
2 volumes
Profiles of twenty-eight American women lighthouse keepers who worked on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts as well as the Gulf of Mexico and the Great Lakes. Most were appointed to replace deceased husbands or fathers, and several were commended for heroism for rescuing seamen whose ships had capsized. Includes a number of journal entries. 1993.

**Even the Stars Look Lonesome BR 11239**
by Maya Angelou
1 volume
Twenty essays on topics such as aging, fame, family, marriages, sexuality, and Africa. In "A House Can Hurt, a Home Can Heal," Angelou discusses how the breakup of her marriage was related to her house, and the contentment she felt in her new home. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

# Adult Fiction

**Fast Forward BR 10975**
by Judy Mercer
3 volumes
A woman wakes up in a torn-apart house, wearing bloody clothes, and with no idea who she is. The face in the mirror is unfamiliar, and her overweight body repulses her. Eventually learning that she is television producer Ariel Gold, she attempts to hide what must be amnesia while she searches for clues to what happened. Some violence. 1995.

**A Heart Speaks BR 10977**
by LaVyrle Spencer
3 volumes
Two novellas. In *Forsaking All Others*, Allison Scott, photographer, is looking for the perfect man for a book cover contract. She finds him in Richard Lang —who becomes more than just a model. In *A Promise to Cherish*, Lee Walker, a construction estimator, grabs the wrong suitcase at the airport and ends up meeting Sam Brown of Brown and Brown, whose bid just happens to be lower. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1983.

**Go Ask Alice BR 10978**
by Anonymous
1 volume
Based on the diary of a fifteen-year-old girl who turned to drugs because of her feelings of loneliness and rebellion against the world. Though she tries to stop, she dies of an overdose three weeks after her seventeenth birthday. Strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1971.

**Typee: A Peep at Polynesian Life**
**BR 10985**
by Herman Melville
4 volumes
Records the adventures of a whaling voyage in the Pacific. First published in 1846 and based on the author's actual experience, this novel portrays a civilized man held captive by Polynesians, who were then practicing cannibalism. 1846.

**Hollywood Husbands BR 10996**
by Jackie Collins
5 volumes
Depicts the brash hedonists of Tinseltown and centers on movie star Mannon Cable, studio executive Howard Soloman, and TV talk-show host Jack Python. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1986.

**Hollywood Wives BR 11051**
by Jackie Collins
5 volumes
Can Buddy Hudson hide his lurid past and go on to be the next Marlon Brando? Will voluptuous Gina Germaine satisfy her ravenous sexual appetite and land her first serious movie role? Does Elaine Conti ever win back husband Ross? The answers capture the essence of life lived on the fastest track of all. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1983.

**Tender Is the Night BR 11055**
by F. Scott Fitzgerald
3 volumes
An American psychiatrist, studying in Europe in the 1920s, falls in love with a beautiful, wealthy patient in this 1934 novel about rich American expatriates. In their marriage, he reacts against her great dependence on him as both husband and doctor before he realizes his equal dependence on her. 1934.

**The Great Gatsby BR 11057**
by F. Scott Fitzgerald
2 volumes
First published in 1925, this classic is set in the ebullient Jazz Age of the 1920s. Wealthy Jay Gatsby strives desperately to recapture his past and his lost love, Daisy Buchanan. Gatsby's hedonistic pursuit of the American dream leads him to a tragic fate. 1992.

**The Vicar of Wakefield: A Tale, Supposed to Be Written by Himself BR 11061**
by Oliver Goldsmith
2 volumes
A pastoral tale written in the 1760s, told by an unworldly, generous, and kindly vicar. He and his family are forced to move to humbler dwellings. The vicar's fortitude prevails despite the seduction of his daughter and his imprisonment for debt. 1981.

**Sweet Thursday BR 11062**
by John Steinbeck
2 volumes
To depict the common bonds of love that unite humankind, the author turns to the outcasts of a California skid row. Portrayed are an alcoholic, a prostitute, and a down-at-the-heels philosopher. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1954.

**Necessary Madness BR 11065**
by Jenn Crowell
2 volumes
Novel by a seventeen-year-old tells of a young American widow in London. As Gloria Burgess helps prepare a show of her late English husband's paintings, she reflects the contrast between her short marriage and the unhappy union her parents endured after Gloria's fa-

ther lost the love of his life. Some strong language. 1997.

**Once upon a Galaxy BR 11067**
by Josepha Sherman
2 volumes
Forty-two tales of folklore, fantasy, and science fiction. Five categories, each prefaced by an essay, include the fantastic voyage, the child who becomes a heroic leader, the hero ignorant of his origins, the quest for a magic item, and the cunning of the trickster. Violence. 1994.

**Istanbul Express: Rendezvous with Destiny, Book 5 BR 11079**
by T. Davis Bunn
2 volumes
Colonel Jake Burnes, his wife Sally, and the newlyweds, Major Pierre Servais and Jasmyn, have been dispatched to Istanbul to oversee a massive aid program in the Mediterranean. But as they travel on the Orient Express, the wives receive a message that their husbands are in great danger. Sequel to *Berlin Encounter (BR 10598)*. 1995.

**Cannery Row BR 11086**
by John Steinbeck
2 volumes
The story of a happy-go-lucky colony of bums on the Monterey, California, waterfront and of their friends, ladies of easy virtue in a nearby establishment. A sentimental theme is treated with realism and with the philosophy that poverty-stricken independence is better than commercial success. Some strong language. 1945.

***Diary of a Madman* and Other Stories BR 11088**
by Nikolai Gogol
2 volumes
These stories, by the father of Russian realism, are set both in his native Ukraine and in St. Petersburg, the city that was to have an obsessive effect on him. Critics have acclaimed the early nineteenth-century writer for his uncanny understanding of the development of mental illness. 1972.

**The Wayward Bus BR 11090**
by John Steinbeck
2 volumes
A group of travelers interrelate when they are stranded overnight at a roadside gas station and lunchroom in California. Some strong language. 1947.

**Noctuary BR 11091**
by Thomas Ligotti
2 volumes
A discussion of the genre of weird fiction, followed by twenty-seven short weird tales, presented in three parts. "The Medusa" probes the power of classical myth in modern life, "Conversations in a Dead Language" explores the tradition of trick or treating at Halloween, and "Autumnal" examines death. 1994.

**3001: The Final Odyssey BR 11095**
by Arthur C. Clarke
2 volumes
After being killed and abandoned in space, twenty-first-century astronaut Frank Poole is revived a thousand years in the future. He finds that humanity has spread throughout the solar system and lives in a state of near utopia. But all is not well in the third millenium. The mysterious black monoliths are still present and may now pose a threat. Sequel to *2061: Odyssey Three (BR 7226)*. 1997.

**The Gambler BR 11100**
by Fyodor Dostoevsky
2 volumes
Set in a fashionable nineteenth-century German spa, this story tells of a young Russian tutor who becomes so addicted to the passion of gambling that everything else loses meaning for him. Originally written in 1866. 1964.

**The Ship Who Sang BR 11171**
by Anne McCaffrey
2 volumes
Born a deformed human, Helva wins the title of shellperson and her brain is transferred into the control center of an intergalactic scout ship. Traveling among the stars, she shares her missions with one normal human, and Helva finds that even a spaceship can fall in love. 1969.

**PartnerShip BR 11172**
by Anne McCaffrey and Margaret Ball
3 volumes
As a brand-new member of the elite Central Worlds' Courier Service, shellperson Nancia, half human and half spaceship, undertakes her first mission, carrying a group of young aristocrats across the galaxy. She faces a dilemma when her passengers hatch a conspiracy to acquire power and wealth. Sequel to *The Ship Who Sang (BR 11171)*. Strong language. 1992.

**For Your Eyes Only BR 11189**
by Rebecca York
2 volumes
Jenny Larkin lost her sight in a car accident in high school. She blames herself, though no one else does. Ben Brisco has always loved Jenny, yet never expressed it. Their feelings come to the surface when Jenny becomes a possible witness in her best friend's murder. Some descriptions of sex. 1997.

**The Man That Corrupted Hadleyburg BR 11193**
by Mark Twain
1 volume
A mysterious stranger leaves a sack of gold to an unknown citizen of Hadleyburg on the condition that the townsman can prove he is the kind person who once befriended a man in need. The temptation has a remarkable effect on the townspeople, who take great pride in their virtue. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1986.

**Podkayne of Mars BR 11197**
by Robert A. Heinlein
2 volumes
Indomitable young Podkayne (Poddy) Fries jumps at the chance to accompany her uncle Tom on a mission to Earth. The only drawback is that she'll have her loathsome little brother along for the trip. But even greater dangers face the niece of a diplomat from Mars who has powerful enemies. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1963.

**Mary Wolf BR 11206**
by Cynthia D. Grant
2 volumes
When Mary Wolf's father loses his upscale position, he takes his family on the road in an RV for an extended vacation. Mary, sixteen, soon realizes they are actually homeless and broke, her pregnant mother shoplifts, and her angry father can't hold down even the most menial job. Some strong language and some violence. For senior high and older readers. 1995.

**The Halls of Justice BR 11212**
by Lee Gruenfeld
4 volumes
Feeling betrayed by the legal system she has worked so hard to uphold, Santa Monica attorney Diane Pierman and her sister seek revenge against their attacker after he is acquitted on a technicality. They find themselves at the center of a web of legal intrigue with unexpected personal and political implications. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

**That Summer BR 11256**
by Sarah Dessen
2 volumes
The summer she is fifteen, Haven must endure the weddings of both her father and her sister, her mother's new lifestyle, her growth spurt to almost six feet, and her best friend's turning into a boy-crazy stranger. Missing her old life, Haven is relieved to meet a boy her sister dated during happier times. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Silas Marner BR 11257**
by George Eliot
1 volume
A simplified edition retold by Clare West of Eliot's 1861 novel. After an embittered weaver is robbed of his gold, he finds by chance a yellow-haired child who delights him and becomes his treasure. Also intertwined is the story of the local squire and his two sons. 1994.

**The Persian Pickle Club BR 11261**
by Sandra Dallas
2 volumes
As the crops wither without rain, members of the Persian Pickle Club keep up their spirits by swapping gossip and fabric scraps while quilting. The bonds among the "stitch and itch" ladies are tested when a newcomer investigates a murder in the small Kansas town of the 1930s. 1995.

**A Lost Lady BR 11262**
by Willa Cather
1 volume
A portrayal of the moral disintegration of a lovable woman as seen through the eyes of a boy. Some strong language. 1923.

**Past Forgiving BR 11266**
by Gloria D. Miklowitz
1 volume
Fifteen-year-old Alexandra can't believe popular senior Cliff is her boyfriend. When they both get summer jobs at the Y, Alexandra is surprised by Cliff's temper and jealousy, but she refuses to believe her friends' warnings about him. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

# Books for Children

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## Children's Nonfiction

**Brownie Girl Scout Handbook**
**BR 10673**
by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
2 volumes
Handbook for Brownie Girl Scouts ages six through eight. Includes activities and stories to help girls learn about scouting, themselves, family, friends, their community, and the world around them. For grades K-3. 1993.

**The Storytelling Handbook: A Young People's Collection of Unusual Tales and Helpful Hints on How to Tell Them**
**BR 10748**
by Anne Pellowski
1 volume
The author offers many suggestions for people who like to spin tales for family and friends. Covers selecting a story, practicing, and handling interruptions. Also includes several easy-to-tell stories. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1995.

**The Science Chef: 100 Fun Food Experiments and Recipes for Kids**
**BR 10801**
by Joan D'Amico
and Karen Eic Drummond
2 volumes
Explains how cooking uses chemistry to mix and heat ingredients to make something new, like bread from flour, yeast, and water. Experiments show why popcorn pops and toast turns brown. Includes recipes for pizza, muffins, mashed potatoes, and fudge brownies. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1995.

**Your Rabbit: A Kid's Guide to Raising and Showing BR 10954**
by Nancy Searle
2 volumes
Raising rabbits as pets and for profit. Searle provides detailed information on selecting, handling, housing, feeding, breeding, showing, marketing, and managing rabbits. Includes task checklists and activities for young rabbit owners. For grades 5-8. 1992.

**Kids On-Line: 150 Ways for Kids to Surf the Net for Fun and Information**
**BR 10998**
by Marian Salzman
and Robert Pondiscio
2 volumes
This young persons' guide to searching the Internet covers such topics as getting connected; sending electronic mail; using bulletin boards and "chat rooms"; downloading games, graphics, and other free software; and finding information on various topics using on-line resources and databases. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**Living with Asthma BR 11082**
by Margaret O. Hyde
and Elizabeth H. Forsyth
1 volume
The authors discuss what asthma is, what triggers attacks, and different ways to treat the disease. They also cite various myths about asthma and describe treatments used in earlier times. Also includes information on managing asthma at home and at school and lists sports and camps for children with asthma. For grades 4-7. 1995.

# Children's Fiction

**Buzzard Breath BR 10793**
by Marty Crisp
1 volume
Will knows a lot about dogs and is saving his money to buy a purebred. When he does some odd jobs for a mean neighbor, Will begins to feel sorry for her grungy dog, General, who has always scared him. But even after General runs away and comes to Will's rescue, Will is sure this is not the kind of dog he wants. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**Changes for Samantha: A Winter Story BR 10946**
by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
Now that Grandmary has married an admiral, Samantha lives in New York City with her aunt and uncle. Her friend Nellie promised to visit when she wrote Samantha that she and her sisters were moving to the city. But when weeks go by with no sign of Nellie, Samantha sets out to find her. Sequel to *Samantha Saves the Day (BR 10945)*. For grades 2-4. 1988.

**Here There Be Unicorns BR 11083**
by Jane Yolen
1 volume
This collection of eight poems and ten stories relates tales of the well-known mystical beast in both medieval and traditional settings. The story "Unicorn Tapestry" was inspired by two famous unicorn tapestries, the Hunt of the Unicorn and the Lady with the Unicorn. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1994.

**Here There Be Witches BR 11084**
by Jane Yolen
1 volume
Collection of seven poems and ten stories about witches, wizards, and warlocks. In the poem "The Magic House," Hansel and Gretel knew they should have taken a hint from "chocolate doorknobs, / and windowpanes striped with mint." Also includes a Native American tale. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1995.

**A Sound of Leaves BR 11096**
by Lenore Blegvad
1 volume
Sylvie, her mother, her brother, and her grandfather are spending the week at a relative's beach cottage. Sylvie's excitement over having an actual tree pressing against her window is dampened when someone refers to her as a slum kid. For grades 3-6. 1996.

**The Curse of Camp Cold Lake: Goosebumps BR 11156**
by R.L. Stine
2 volumes
Sarah Maas and her brother Aaron are spending the summer at a water sports camp. There is a problem—Sarah hates the outdoors, and especially a lake with horrible things swimming around in the

water. But that proves to be just part of Sarah's difficulties at Camp Cold Lake. For grades 4-7. 1997.

**My Best Friend Is Invisible: Goosebumps BR 11157**
by R.L. Stine
2 volumes
Sammy Jacobs is a science fiction freak. His parents are research scientists, and just don't understand why Sammy doesn't have an interest in real science. His parents begin to wonder even more about Sammy when he starts claiming to see ghosts. For grades 4-7. 1997.

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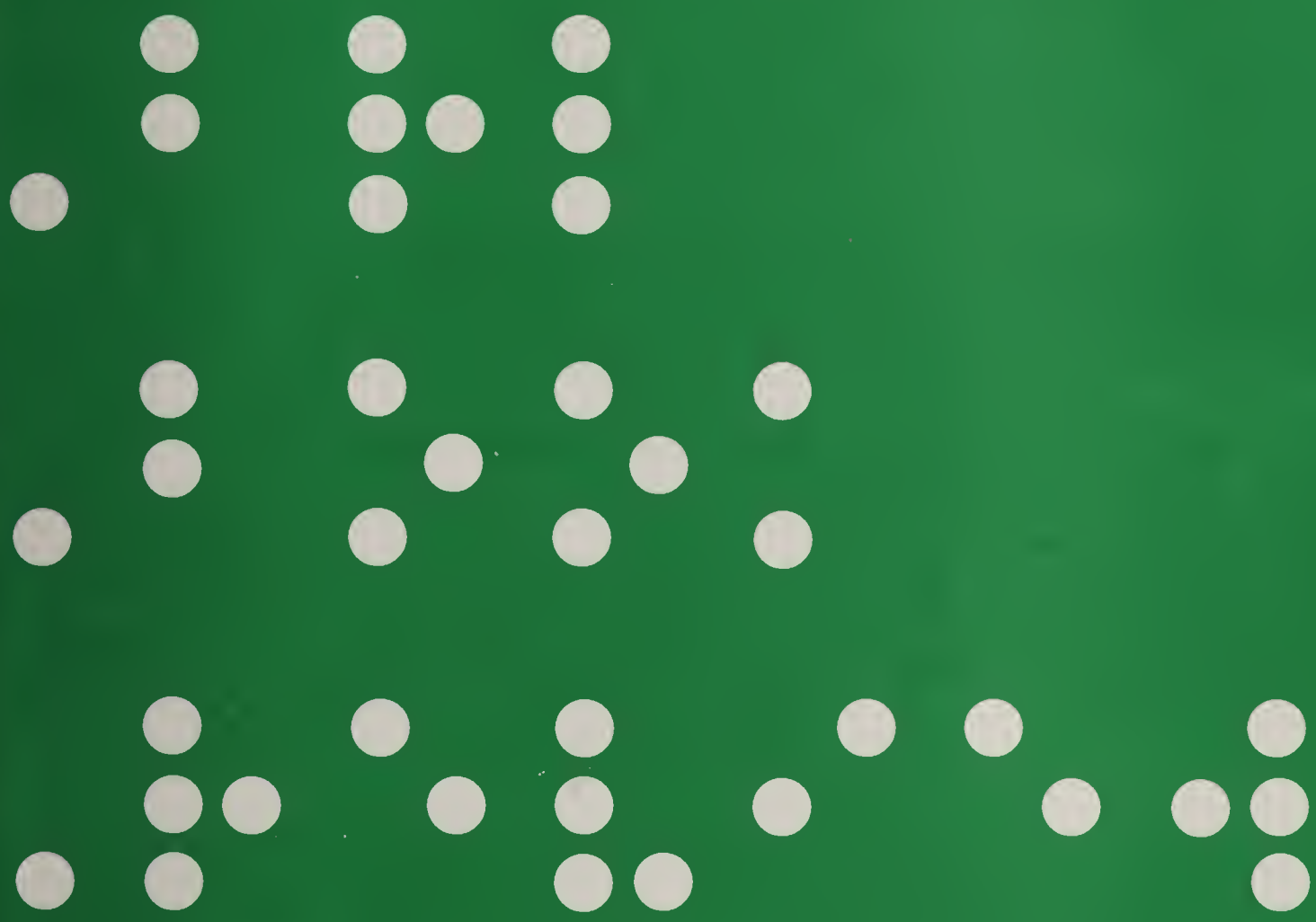

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## Braille Transcription of the Holy Koran

The Arizona Instructional Resource Center (AIRC) at the Foundation for Blind Children in Phoenix announces the completion of a braille transcription of the English translation of the *Holy Koran*. The braille copy is available for sale in seven volumes. For more information please call the AIRC at (602) 331-1370.

## Magic Tree House

The National Braille Press has announced the availability of the Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne. The series features three books written for children in grades 2 to 4. The first, *Dinosaurs before Dark*, is "a fast-paced" mystery involving the extinct reptiles. The second, *The Knight at Dawn*, blends "fact, farce, and fantasy." And the third, *Midnight on the Moon*, brings the excitement of "suspense and magic." The three titles are among National Braille Press's First Stepping Stone books. Each is one braille volume with extra spacing between the lines. The publisher advertises them as "high interest, low vocabulary." For more information, write the National Braille Press at

88 Saint Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115; call 800-548-7323; fax (617) 437-0456; or e-mail orders@npb.org

## *The Night Search* Available in Stores

Jason and Nordic Publishers has released a commercially available print-braille book. Produced by American Printing House for the Blind of Louisville, Kentucky, the book tells how young Heather learns the value of her white cane when her puppy wanders off.

It was written by Kate Chamberlain, who holds a master's in early childhood education. She became blind while she was teaching nursery school and continues teaching through the Study Buddy Program. She is also a newspaper columnist and freelance writer. The book is illustrated by Dot Yoder.

Designed for public school libraries, it is hardback with sturdy binding, and is available from the publisher for $24.95 plus $5.50 shipping and handling. For more information write Jason and Nordic Publishers, P.O. Box 441, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; call (814) 696-2920; fax (814) 696-4250; or e-mail turtlbks@nb.net. Jason and Nordic also has a website at www.nb.net/~turtlbks.

The following information is reprinted from *Talking Book Topics, July–August 1998.*

## Digital Talking-Book Standards Committee Seeks Comments

The digital talking-book standards committee is seeking comments on a draft document that describes features envisioned for the next generation of talking books. Patrons wishing to review the document may obtain a copy in cassette, large-print, or braille format. Comments will be accepted through September 15.

The standards are being developed under the auspices of the National Information Standards Organization, which is a nonprofit association accredited as a standards developer by the American National Standards Institute.

For a free copy of the features list, contact Research and Development Officer, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542; e-mail nls@loc.gov; fax (202) 707-1690.

## Scourby Awards Announced

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) presented its twelfth Alexander Scourby Narrator of the Year Awards to honor excellence in talking-book narration. AFB awarded prizes to narrators for three categories: fiction, nonfiction, and periodicals.

The award-winning narrators are

Graeme Malcolm, AFB, for fiction; Mimi Bederman, Insight for the Blind, for nonfiction; and Jake Williams, Talking Book Publishers, for periodicals. The annual Scourby Award was established in 1986 in memory of the popular talking-book narrator who died in 1985.

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**Current History Tapes Offered.** *Current History* magazine offers audio cassettes covering different issues in contemporary world affairs. Topics covered are Volume 1—The Disintegration of the Soviet Union; Volume 2—China Rising: A Superpower Awakes; Volume 3—The Fundamentalist Challenge in the Middle East; Volume 4—Latin America: Open for Business?; Volume 5—The Cold War: Beginnings; and Volume 6—The Pacific Century?

Each cassette costs six dollars and can be ordered from Current History Magazine, 4225 Main Street, Philadelphia, PA 19127; 1-800-726-4464.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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**The Life of Timon of Athens BR 10923**
by William Shakespeare
2 volumes
Early seventeenth-century play, most likely unfinished but printed in the First Folio of 1623. It is a satire on Timon, an extravagant Athenian nobleman, who becomes bankrupt and loses his friends. He retires to a cave in the woods where he meets and talks with Alcibiades, an Athenian captain in exile. Timon discovers gold and finds some who would renew their friendship. But he expresses his disdain for treasure and leaves an epitaph that curses humankind. 1967.

**The Last Battle BR 10973**
by Cornelius Ryan
5 volumes
Recounts the last three weeks of the war against Germany in April 1945 from the viewpoint of the Allied and German armies locked in battle and of individual soldiers and civilians who survived the final horrors of the siege and fall of Berlin. Companion to *A Bridge Too Far (BR 10974)*. 1994.

**A Bridge Too Far BR 10974**
by Cornelius Ryan
6 volumes
Recounts the 1944 battle of Arnhem and the daring Allied airborne assault on Nazi-occupied Holland. The attack, which was intended to capture a crucial bridge and end the war early, resulted in heavy losses and a defeat for the Allies. Companion to *The Longest Day (BR 9765)*. Violence. 1974.

**The Three Theban Plays: *Antigone, Oedipus the King,* and *Oedipus at Colonus* BR 11058**
by Sophocles
3 volumes
Plays from the fifth century B.C. In *Oedipus the King*, a young man is warned by an oracle that he will kill his father and marry his mother. *Oedipus at Colonus* describes how the people of Thebes seek the return of the aged exile. In *Antigone*, the new king of Thebes refuses to permit his nephew's burial. Antigone defies his edict and suffers the consequences. 1984.

**No Time to Say Good-bye: Surviving the Suicide of a Loved One BR 11066**
by Carla Fine
2 volumes
Seven years before writing this book,

the author learned that her forty-four-year-old husband had killed himself. She relates her experiences in dealing with her anguish, discusses the stories of the people she met in survivor groups, and provides comments from experts. Includes lists of related organizations, resources, and support groups. Some violence. 1997.

**Bound Feet and Western Dress**
**BR 11093**
by Pang-Mei Natasha Chang
2 volumes
The author tells the story of her great aunt, whose life combined traditional Chinese and Western cultures. Born near Shanghai in 1900, Chang Yu-i rebelled against having her feet bound, but entered an arranged marriage at fifteen. Although she bore him two sons, Yu-i's husband, poet Hsu Chih-mo, divorced her. In China, where "a woman is nothing," Yu-i managed to become a successful banker. 1996.

**The Social Contract BR 11094**
by Jean Jacques Rousseau
2 volumes
The eighteenth-century French philosopher's major work advocating the principles of political right, which declared that the general will is the rightful authority in matters of controversy. 1947.

**Blake BR 11182**
by Peter Ackroyd
5 volumes
Life of the eighteenth-century English poet, painter, and engraver who died in 1827. Ackroyd examines the influence of William Blake's dissenting parents on his philosophical and religious views. He also frames the complex and challenging body of Blake's work, which went largely unnoticed in his lifetime, within the great social and political changes of his era. 1995.

**Paul: The Mind of the Apostle**
**BR 11191**
by A.N. Wilson
3 volumes
A portrait of Paul, the early Jewish convert to Christianity, whose written and spoken words served to advance and popularize the new faith. Traces his travels around the Roman Empire spreading Christ's word and proselytizing. Discusses the teachings set forth in Paul's epistles. 1997.

**Women Who Kept the Lights: An Illustrated History of Female Lighthouse Keepers BR 11195**
by Mary Louise and J. Candace Clifford
2 volumes
Profiles of twenty-eight American women lighthouse keepers who worked on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts as well as the Gulf of Mexico and the Great Lakes. Most were appointed to replace deceased husbands or fathers, and several were commended for heroism for rescuing seamen whose ships had capsized. Includes a number of journal entries. 1993.

**The Only Way I Know BR 11217**
by Cal Ripken and Mike Bryan
3 volumes
Memoir of Cal Ripken, who in 1995 broke Lou Gehrig's record of playing 2,130 consecutive games. His feat established him as a baseball great and earned new acclaim for his team, the Baltimore Orioles. Traces Ripken's baseball life from Little League to the majors, highlighting triumphs and setbacks. Also discusses how the sport has changed over the past fifteen years. Bestseller 1997.

**Gay Rights BR 11221**
by Judith C. Galas
1 volume
This history of the modern gay rights movement looks at such topics as the struggle for family rights, discrimination in the workplace, gays in the military, referendums and legislation, and the impact of AIDS. Includes organizations to contact and suggestions for further reading. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Wood-Notes Wild: Walking with Thoreau BR 11222**
by Henry David Thoreau
1 volume
Scenes from nature described by Thoreau on his long daily walks during a twenty-four-year period. The selections are arranged by season, giving sensory impressions of the woodland plants, earth, and animals that the nineteenth-century philosopher encountered. 1995.

**A Natural History of Parenting: From Emperor Penguins to Reluctant Ewes, a Naturalist Looks at Parenting in the Animal World and Ours BR 11229**
by Susan Allport
2 volumes
An exposition of parenting in the animal kingdom. The author illuminates the similarities and differences between the interaction humans have with their offspring and the maternal and paternal tendencies of insects, fish, and other mammals. 1997.

**Like Cats and Dogs BR 11232**
edited by Kenneth Jernigan
1 volume
The nine stories in this collection describe typical ways in which blind people learn to live comfortably in their environment, emphasizing harmony and friendship with one's surroundings, rather than misunderstanding and frustration. Eight of the selections are written by blind people. 1997.

**Wall-to-Wall Thanksgiving BR 11233**
edited by Kenneth Jernigan
1 volume
Ten short stories by National Federation of the Blind members focusing on how they have overcome difficulties they faced growing up and how their views on these problems changed as they grew older. The title selection tells how Barbara Pierce handled a Thanksgiving celebration in England. 1997.

**Even the Stars Look Lonesome BR 11239**
by Maya Angelou
1 volume
Twenty essays on topics such as aging, fame, family, marriages, sexuality, and Africa. In "A House Can Hurt, a Home Can Heal," Angelou discusses how her marriage breakup was related to her house, and the contentment she felt in her new home. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

**Raising a Reader: Make Your Child a Reader for Life BR 11254**
by Paul Kropp
3 volumes
A parents' guide to helping children grow up reading. Explains the parents' critical role in nurturing the young reader, suggesting techniques for making reading an important part of a child's life. Recommends more than 300 "must have" book titles. 1996.

**Upholding Mystery: An Anthology of Contemporary Christian Poetry**
**BR 11259**
edited by David Impastato
3 volumes
Extensive collection of poetry featuring the work of fifteen poets, such as Annie Dillard and Daniel Berrigan. Poems are divided into the following sections: The Cross, Transformation, Death, Injustice, Presence, God's Body, Fools, Wayfarers, Love, The Dark, Grace, Praise, The Mystical Body, Sacrament, The Leap, and Holy. 1997.

**Remember Laughter: A Life of James Thurber BR 11263**
by Neil A. Grauer
2 volumes
Biography of the twentieth-century American humorist best known for his stories and cartoons featured in the *New Yorker* in the 1930s and 1940s. Thurber, who published most of his writing after the onset of blindness in the early 1940s, was renowned for such works as *My Life and Hard Times (RC 21038)* and *Thurber Carnival (RC 18374)*. Some strong language. 1994.

**Blood Rites: Origins and History of the Passions of War BR 11264**
by Barbara Ehrenreich
3 volumes
The author theorizes that the origin of the human propensity for war is linked to the fear that the earliest people had of predators in the wild, rather than an innate aggressiveness. 1997.

**In the Country of Country: People and Places in American Music BR 11267**
by Nicholas Dawidoff
4 volumes
These portraits of notable figures in American country music include Earl Scruggs, whose innovative approach to the banjo took the instrument beyond being a vaudeville prop, and Patsy Cline, country's first torch singer. Also discusses Chet Atkins, Johnny Cash, Buck Owens, Harlan Howard, Emmylou Harris, Bill Monroe, and the Louvin Brothers. Some strong language. 1997.

**Snakes and Ladders: Glimpses of India**
**BR 11269**
by Gita Mehta
2 volumes
Essays depicting the contrasts and disparities in modern Indian society. Describes a land that, during its fifty years of independence, has become a progressive, capitalist nation yet retains its traditional religious and cultural diversity. Touches on politics, religion, art, and other facets of the world's largest democracy. 1997.

**Pregnant? Adoption Is an Option: Making an Adoption Plan for a Child**
**BR 11271**
by Jeanne Warren Lindsay
2 volumes
For pregnant girls and women, married or unmarried, who feel they are not in a position to parent their child. The author includes excerpts from interviews with thirty-nine birthparents to explain what's involved in open adoption and how it compares to adoptions in the past. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1997.

**Thoughts on the East BR 11276**
by Thomas Merton
1 volume
Reflections of a noted Trappist monk and writer on major religions of the East. Defines and describes Taoism, Buddhism, Sufism, and Hinduism. Observes principles and themes that these

religions share with their Western counterparts. Includes introductory materials by George Woodcock. 1995.

**Not Exactly What I Had in Mind: An Incurable Love Story BR 11277**
by Rosemary Breslin
2 volumes
At thirty-two, New York journalist Breslin developed a serious illness that baffled the medical community, and a couple of years later, she fell in love with Tony Dunne. Her description of their relationship and of her ongoing medical crisis is peopled with famous characters including her father, columnist Jimmy Breslin. Some strong language. 1997.

**The Man Who Listens to Horses BR 11288**
by Monty Roberts
3 volumes
A portrait of Monty Roberts, the horse trainer who discovered a humane technique for taming wild horses. Appalled by traditional methods of "breaking" horses that he witnessed in his youth, Roberts developed a gentle procedure for "joining-up" with a horse through a process of man-animal communication. Bestseller 1997.

**Wait till Next Year: A Memoir BR 11289**
by Doris Kearns Goodwin
2 volumes
A personal history of growing up in suburban New York in the 1950s. A love of baseball permeated the author's childhood and helped her forge a special bond with her father, who taught her at age six to keep a scorebook for the Brooklyn Dodgers and to relate an inning-by-inning account of the game to him at the end of the day. Bestseller 1997.

**Favre: For the Record BR 11298**
by Brett Favre
2 volumes
A candid and earthy portrait of the Green Bay Packer quarterback who led his team to victory in Super Bowl XXXI. Traces his youth in rural Mississippi, his wild college days, his triumph over an addiction to painkillers, and his laudable NFL career. Strong language. Bestseller 1997.

# Adult Fiction

**Hollywood Wives BR 11051**
by Jackie Collins
5 volumes
Can Buddy Hudson hide his lurid past and go on to be the next Marlon Brando? Will voluptuous Gina Germaine satisfy her ravenous sexual appetite and land her first serious movie role? Does Elaine Conti ever win back husband Ross? The answers capture the essence of life lived on the fastest track of all. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1983.

**The Rise of Silas Lapham BR 11064**
by William Dean Howells
4 volumes
First published in 1885. A wealthy, self-made businessman attempts to win acceptance for his family in high society of nineteenth-century Boston. 1996.

***Diary of a Madman* and Other Stories BR 11088**
by Nikolai Gogol
2 volumes
These stories, by the father of Russian realism, are set both in his native Ukraine and in St. Petersburg, the city that was to have an obsessive effect on

him. Critics have acclaimed the early nineteenth-century writer for his uncanny understanding of the development of mental illness. 1972.

**The Venus Deal BR 11089**
by Ken Kuhlken
3 volumes
In this prequel to *The Loud Adios (BR 9977)*, it's 1942 and private eye Tom Hickey is part owner of a supper club. When crowd-pleasing seventeen-year-old singer Cynthia Moon doesn't return from her vacation, Hickey, using clues from her startling diary, sets out to bring her back. Some strong language and some violence. 1993.

**The Wayward Bus BR 11090**
by John Steinbeck
2 volumes
A group of travelers interrelate when they are stranded overnight at a roadside gas station and lunchroom in California. Some strong language. 1947.

**Noctuary BR 11091**
by Thomas Ligotti
2 volumes
A discussion of the genre of weird fiction, followed by twenty-seven short weird tales, presented in three sections. "The Medusa" probes the power of classical myth in modern life, "Conversations in a Dead Language" explores the tradition of trick or treating at Halloween, and "Autumnal" examines death. 1994.

***Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* and Other Stories BR 11092**
by Robert Louis Stevenson
2 volumes
In the title story, a short psychological novel of the war between good and evil within the human personality, a kindly physician commits diabolical crimes when his suppressed personality is released. "The Body-Snatcher" and "A Lodging for the Night" pursue moral issues, "Markheim" and "Thrawn Janet" are stories about the supernatural, and "The Misadventures of John Nicholson" is a Gothic tale. 1885.

**3001: The Final Odyssey BR 11095**
by Arthur C. Clarke
2 volumes
After being killed and abandoned in space, twenty-first-century astronaut Frank Poole is revived a thousand years in the future. He finds that humanity has spread throughout the solar system and lives in a state of near utopia. But all is not well in the third millenium. The mysterious black monoliths are still present and may now pose a threat. Sequel to *2061: Odyssey Three (BR 7226)*. 1997.

***The Aspern Papers* and Other Stories BR 11097**
by Henry James
3 volumes
First published in 1888, "The Aspern Papers" is set in a crumbling Venetian palazzo, where a determined scholar tries to charm its inhabitants—the Misses Bordereau—out of a collection of letters by the American poet Aspern. Three short stories first published in the 1890s complete the collection. 1983.

**Washington Square BR 11098**
by Henry James
2 volumes
Classic American novel written in 1881. Shy, plain Catherine is courted by a dashing Morris Townsend. When he learns that Catherine's wealthy, sardonic father will disinherit her if she marries him, Townsend deserts the heartbroken young woman. 1982.

**PartnerShip BR 11172**
by Anne McCaffrey and Margaret Ball
3 volumes
As a brand-new member of the elite Central Worlds' Courier Service, shellperson Nancia, half human and half spaceship, undertakes her first mission, carrying a group of young aristocrats across the galaxy. She faces a dilemma when her passengers hatch a conspiracy to acquire power and wealth. Sequel to *The Ship Who Sang (BR 11171)*. Strong language. 1992.

**The Ship Who Searched BR 11173**
by Anne McCaffrey and Mercedes Lackey
2 volumes
A mysterious disease leaves seven-year-old Tia completely paralyzed. With no possibility of a normal life, she becomes a shellperson, the human brain of an interstellar spaceship. On her odyssey across the galaxy, she learns about extinct civilizations, seeks a cure for the disease that afflicted her, and eventually falls in love. Sequel to *PartnerShip (BR 11172)*. 1992.

**The Ship Who Won BR 11174**
by Anne McCaffrey and Jody Lynn Nye
3 volumes
Searching the galaxy for alien life, Carialle, whose brain controls spaceship SSS-900, and Keff, her human partner, discover a strange planet ruled by a race of magical wizards. The arrogant wizards are hard enough to deal with, but Carialle and Keff discover even more mysterious things about the new world. Sequel to *The City Who Fought (BR 9865)*. 1994.

**Great Expectations BR 11178**
by Charles Dickens
5 volumes
Pip, a poor orphan boy, is befriended by an unknown benefactor and goes to London to live the life of a gentleman. The sequence of events and his meetings with strange and colorful characters change him from a shallow youth to a mature man. Includes an introduction by G.K. Chesterton. 1860.

**The Night Trilogy: *Night, Dawn, The Accident* BR 11185**
by Elie Wiesel
2 volumes
"Night" is the story of a Jewish boy who is deported with his family and community from Hungary to the horrors of the infamous Auschwitz. In "Dawn," Elisha, the sole survivor of his family, becomes a Jewish terrorist in Palestine and is ordered to execute an Englishman. In "The Accident," a concentration camp survivor tries to rebuild his life in New York City. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. 1972.

**The Dolphins of Pern BR 11186**
by Anne McCaffrey
3 volumes
As the struggle against the deadly Thread spores continues in the Dragonriders of Pern series, humans rediscover the planet's long-forgotten dolphins. Rebuilding the connection between land and sea rekindles the old dream of an ideal Pern. Sequel to *The Chronicles of Pern: First Fall (BR 11188)*. 1994.

**Dragonseye BR 11187**
by Anne McCaffrey
3 volumes
It's been over two hundred years since

the deadly silver strands called Thread fell from the skies of Pern. Now a new generation of Dragonriders unite in their efforts to prepare for the next cycle of Threadfall. But one of the Lord Holders refuses to cooperate and jeopardizes the safety of all. Sequel to *The Dolphins of Pern (BR 11186)*. 1997.

**The Chronicles of Pern: First Fall BR 11188**
by Anne McCaffrey
2 volumes
Five stories about the early adventures of humans on the dragon planet, Pern. Includes stories on the discovery of Pern by humans, the human liaison with the indigenous flying dragons, the first battle with the deadly Threadfall, and the final isolation of the planet from the rest of humanity. Sequel to *All the Weyrs of Pern (BR 8699)*. 1993.

**The Price of Land in Shelby BR 11192**
by Laurie Alberts
3 volumes
The Chartrain family of Shelby, Vermont, live on crazy hope. Over a thirty-year span, each of the five siblings born to Lowell and Anne Chartrain grow, change, and survive into adulthood, although often at great emotional cost. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

**White Nights, Red Morning: The Russians, Volume 6 BR 11194**
by Judith Pella
4 volumes
As 1905 draws to an end in St. Petersburg, Anna Fedorcenko faces more tragedy. Still overwhelmed by her husband's death, Anna must deal with paralyzing strikes and the desire of her youngest son to avenge his father's death by becoming a revolutionary. Sequel to *The Dawning of Deliverance (BR 10264)*. 1996.

**The Blithedale Romance BR 11196**
by Nathaniel Hawthorne
5 volumes
Hawthorne's novel is based on his experiences living on Brook Farm, the experimental transcendentalist community in Massachusetts. The novel tells of Zenobia's love for Hollingsworth, an egotistic reformer who does not return her affection. First published in 1852. 1996.

**Podkayne of Mars BR 11197**
by Robert A. Heinlein
2 volumes
Indomitable young Podkayne (Poddy) Fries jumps at the chance to accompany her uncle Tom on a mission to Earth. The only drawback is that she'll have her loathsome little brother along for the trip. But even greater dangers face the niece of a diplomat from Mars who has powerful enemies. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1963.

**Erewhon BR 11198**
by Samuel Butler
2 volumes
An English traveler discovers the remote land of Erewhon inhabited by irrational people with exasperating ideas. A satirical novel aimed at lampooning nineteenth-century English society, customs, and manners. First published in 1872. 1970.

**Across the River and into the Trees BR 11204**
by Ernest Hemingway
2 volumes
In Hemingway's final novel, which is set in Venice near the end of the second World War, an aging and battle-scarred American colonel finds a renewed en-

thusiasm for life when he falls in love with a young Italian countess. Some strong language. 1950.

**Mary Wolf BR 11206**
by Cynthia D. Grant
2 volumes
When Mary Wolf's father loses his upscale position, he takes his family on the road in an RV for an extended vacation. Mary, sixteen, soon realizes they are actually homeless and broke, her pregnant mother shoplifts, and her angry father can't hold down even the most menial job. Some strong language and some violence. For senior high and older readers. 1995.

**Milton in America BR 11207**
by Peter Ackroyd
2 volumes
"What if the outspoken seventeenth-century English poet John Milton had fled England in 1660 to avoid arrest and emigrated to Puritan America?" supposes Ackroyd. In his scenario, the aging and blind agitator establishes a settlement named New Milton, where he rules with an iron hand and wages war on a neighboring colony of Roman Catholics. 1996.

***The Sorrows of Young Werther* and *Novella* BR 11208**
by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
2 volumes
The eighteenth-century German romantic story of a young man who, while playing with the pistols of a friend, becomes distracted by his own unhappiness and passion for a married lady and idly decides to press the muzzle to his forehead. Originally published in 1774. Also includes the short story, "Novella." 1971.

**The Bar Sinister BR 11209**
by Sheila Simonson
2 volumes
Emily Foster is a widow who wants a companion for her four-year-old son, Matt. Captain Richard Falk needs someone to care for his two children, both under three, while he is away from home. It seems the perfect solution for Emily. However, Richard's life is in danger, and that affects not only his children, but also Emily and her son. 1986.

**A Time for Silence BR 11210**
by Philippa Carr
3 volumes
Britishers Lucinda and Annabelinda, who have been friends since childhood, are delighted when they both have the chance to attend an exclusive finishing school in Belgium. But an indiscretion on the part of Annabelinda and the beginning of World War I send both girls fleeing back to England and an uncertain future. 1991.

**Second Skin BR 11211**
by Eric Lustbader
5 volumes
In this sequel to *Floating City (BR 9818)*, Mafia boss Mick Leonforte schemes to take over the Japanese underworld from an old friend of Nicholas Linnear. Linnear's own livelihood and personal safety are also threatened as he moves to thwart the mob. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

**The Europeans BR 11214**
by Henry James
2 volumes
A fortune-hunting European countess and her charming brother come to visit their straight-laced cousins near Boston. Their rich and imaginative, but im-

moral, way of living is contrasted with the dull, but upright, American way. 1878.

**The Year of the Frog BR 11216**
by Martin M. Šimečka
3 volumes
Milan is a young Czechoslovakian intellectual who is prevented from attending college by communist authorities because of his father's dissident activities. Forced to work, he takes a series of menial jobs and turns to his two great passions: long-distance running and his soon-to-be wife, Tania. 1992 winner of the Pegasus Prize for Literature. 1993.

**Murder at the National Gallery BR 11218**
by Margaret Truman
3 volumes
Luther Mason, curator at the National Gallery for more than twenty years, is finally getting the Caravaggio exhibit he has dreamed of. But Luther also has other visions—he plans to keep one of the original paintings and substitute a forgery. Some violence. Bestseller 1996.

**The Hunchback of Notre Dame BR 11219**
by Victor Hugo
5 volumes
This historical romance, set in 1482, concerns Quasimodo, the hunchback bell-ringer of the Paris cathedral of Notre Dame, and his love for the gypsy girl, Esmerelda. 1831.

**A Stone for Danny Fisher BR 11220**
by Harold Robbins
4 volumes
Chronicles the life of Danny Fisher from his eighth birthday through his Bar Mitzvah, his marriage, his loss of a child, and his attempts to survive the cutthroat underworld of New York City in the 1930s and 1940s while holding on to his dream of a happy, peaceful home and family. Some strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1951.

**In Our Time BR 11224**
by Ernest Hemingway
1 volume
Collection of Hemingway's earliest stories including parts one and two of "Big Two-Hearted River" and "The Doctor and the Doctor's Wife." Some strong language. 1925.

**Drums of Change: The Story of Running Fawn BR 11231**
by Janette Oke
2 volumes
In 1874, Martin Forbes, a young missionary, arrives in Alberta, Canada, to establish a school and bring Christianity to the Blackfoot Indians. Two star pupils, Running Fawn and Silver Fox—the chief's son—are then sent to school in Calgary, where Silver Fox is able to accept Christianity, but Running Fox returns home to her family and beliefs—at least for a while. 1996.

**Range of Motion BR 11234**
by Elizabeth Berg
2 volumes
After her beloved husband is hit by a piece of ice that falls from a rooftop, Lainey must learn to cope with the uncertainty of his comatose state. Helping her is her neighbor, who is going through a crisis of her own, and the spirit of the woman who lived in Lainey's house in the 1940s. 1995.

**Red Sky at Night BR 11235**
by James W. Hall
3 volumes
As private detective Thorn is investigating the mysterious slaughter of eleven

captive dolphins, he is assaulted and left paralyzed from the waist down. Though beset with pain and anguish, Thorn must match wits with a doctor who is driven by a diabolical obsession. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

**The Rebounder BR 11240**
by Thomas J. Dygard
1 volume
Hamilton High's basketball coach, Doug Fulton, fantasizes each year that a superb player will transfer to his school. This year he thinks his dream has come true when he spots tall, athletic Chris Patton. But Chris denies being a basketball player until Coach Fulton learns the disturbing truth from Chris's former school. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**Once upon a Rose BR 11255**
by Judith O'Brien
3 volumes
Young country-music writer and singer Deanie Bailey has come to England to record a music video at Hampton Court Palace. When taping is over for the day, she decides to investigate the maze. Shortly after entering, Deanie is transported back to 1540 and is rescued by Kit Neville, Duke of Hamilton, who also seems to be from another time. 1996.

**That Summer BR 11256**
by Sarah Dessen
2 volumes
The summer she is fifteen, Haven must endure the weddings of both her father and her sister, her mother's new lifestyle, her growth spurt to almost six feet, and her best friend's turning into a boy-crazy stranger. Missing her old life, Haven is relieved to meet a boy her sister dated during happier times. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Silas Marner BR 11257**
by George Eliot
1 volume
A simplified retelling by Clare West of Eliot's 1861 novel. When an embittered weaver is robbed of his gold, he finds by chance a yellow-haired child who delights him and becomes his treasure. Also intertwined is the story of the local squire and his two sons. 1994.

**Now or Never BR 11258**
by Elizabeth Adler
3 volumes
A serial killer carefully stalks and murders young women. When Boston police detective Harry Jordan finally gets a partial description, he desperately turns to a national television figure for help. Mallory Malone's show has been the downfall for many criminals, but oddly, Malone refuses to profile Jordan's case. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

**The Persian Pickle Club BR 11261**
by Sandra Dallas
2 volumes
As the crops wither without rain, members of the Persian Pickle Club keep up their spirits by swapping gossip and fabric scraps while quilting. The bonds among the "stitch and itch" ladies are tested when a newcomer investigates a murder in the small Kansas town of the 1930s. 1995.

**A Lost Lady BR 11262**
by Willa Cather
1 volume
A portrayal of the moral disintegration of a lovable woman as seen through the

eyes of a boy. Some strong language. 1923.

**Past Forgiving BR 11266**
by Gloria D. Miklowitz
1 volume
Fifteen-year-old Alexandra can't believe popular senior Cliff is her boyfriend. When they both get summer jobs at the Y, Alexandra is surprised by Cliff's temper and jealousy, but she refuses to believe her friends' warnings about him. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**Catch Your Breath BR 11268**
by Jessica Auerbach
3 volumes
Recently separated from her policeman husband, Rosie Sloan panics when their two-year-old son, Jason, begins having trouble breathing. Because her first child died of SIDS and her father was a doctor, Rosie is very careful to follow Jason's doctor's advice to the letter. So why has someone reported her as an unfit mother? Some strong language. 1996.

**Masquerade BR 11270**
by B.J. Hoff
2 volumes
Danni St. John has returned to her hometown of Red Oak, Alabama, to work as the editor of the newspaper being published by the Colony, a cult that has established a compound just outside of town. She soon finds herself involved in a series of terrifying events, which she investigates with the aid of Sheriff Logan McGarey, with whom she is falling in love. 1996.

**The Garden of Eden BR 11272**
by Ernest Hemingway
2 volumes
Salvaged from three manuscript versions, this early novel is set in the 1920s in France and Spain. Young and successful writer David Bourne is honeymooning with his wife, Catherine. She has her hair cropped as short as a boy's and tells David of her yearning to play sex-role games. David temporarily acquiesces, but trouble begins to brew. Some strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1986. 1961.

**The Dancing Floor BR 11274**
by Barbara Michaels
3 volumes
Heather Tradescant has come to England to visit some of its famous gardens. One of her greatest hopes is to see the ones at Troytan House. When she is denied permission, Heather attempts to get a glimpse of the fabled landscape by crawling through a wall of thick brush. What awaits her is not what she expects. 1997.

**Sacrifice BR 11300**
by Mitchell Smith
3 volumes
After seven years in a Kansas prison, Tyler Pierce has just pulled off the bank heist of his career when he learns that his park-ranger daughter has been killed in Florida. Tyler uses his windfall from the robbery to fund his search for her murderer, a serial killer whose victims are women in uniform. Strong language, violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

**The Oxford Book of Hebrew Short Stories BR 11303**
by Glenda Abramson
4 volumes
These thirty-two stories, each by a different writer, offer an introduction to the development of Hebrew-language fiction in the late nineteenth century

and its evolution in Israel. Arranged in rough chronological order, they explore a broad range of social, political, cultural, and family issues. Each selection is preceded by a brief biography of its author. 1996.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Children's Nonfiction

**Starry Messenger: A Book Depicting the Life of a Famous Scientist, Mathematician, Astronomer, Philosopher, Physicist, Galileo Galile BR 11012**
by Peter Sís
1 volume
Account of Galileo, born in 1564, who studied the stars in the sky through a telescope and began to believe that the sun, not the earth, is the center of the universe. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1996.

**Maples in the Mist: Children's Poems from the Tang Dynasty BR 11017**
translated by Minfong Ho
1 volume
A selection of sixteen poems traditionally taught to children. Written during the Tang Dynasty more than a thousand years ago, these short unrhymed poems evoke the beauty and sounds of the natural world. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1996.

**Tanglewood Tales BR 11201**
by Nathaniel Hawthorne
2 volumes
A classic retelling of six Greek myths. Includes the exploits of Theseus, the adventures of Jason and his trusty Argonauts, and the story of Circe's palace. For grades 5-8. 1853.

**Abe Lincoln's Hat BR 11230**
by Martha Brenner
1 volume
When Abe Lincoln first became a lawyer he wanted to look good, so he bought a long black coat and a tall black hat. As a lawyer, Abe had to carry lots of important papers, and the hat soon proved to be useful in many ways. Grade 1 braille. For grades K-3 and older readers. 1994.

**Pueblo Boy: Growing Up in Two Worlds BR 11340**
by Marcia Keegan
1 volume
Ten-year-old Timmy learns the ways of his ancient Pueblo Indian heritage and also uses computers for schoolwork. His father taught him dances and songs; his favorite is the Corn Dance, which lasts all day. He also loves baseball, pocket pool, and fishing. In ceremonies he uses

his Indian name, Agoyo-Paa, which means "Star Fire." For grades 4-7. 1991.

## Children's Fiction

**Noisy Nora BR 11011**
by Rosemary Wells
1 volume
Feeling ignored as the middle child, Nora finds a way to attract her parents' attention. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1973.

**The Crocodile and the Dentist BR 11013**
by Taro Gomi
1 volume
A crocodile needs to have a cavity filled but is afraid of the dentist. The dentist is equally afraid of the crocodile. In the end they agree they may skip next year's meeting if the crocodile remembers to brush his teeth. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1994.

**Little Red Riding Hood: By the Brothers Grimm BR 11014**
retold by Trina Schart Hyman
1 volume
When Little Red Riding Hood is walking through the forest to take a basket of food to her sick grandmother, she meets a hungry wolf. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1983.

**Rikki-Tikki-Tavi BR 11015**
by Rudyard Kipling
1 volume
A young mongoose is found by an English family in India and, following his instincts, he stalks and kills poisonous snakes in their garden. His courage endears him to everyone. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 1997.

**Rapunzel BR 11018**
retold by Paul O. Zelinsky
1 volume
Rapunzel is twelve, with beautiful, long, red-gold hair, when a sorceress places her in a high tower in a lonely forest. A handsome prince secretly visits Rapunzel until the sorceress finds out and punishes them, keeping them apart. But their love for each other promises to restore their happiness. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. Caldecott Medal. 1997.

**Deep Trouble II: Goosebumps BR 11158**
by R.L. Stine
2 volumes
Billy and Sheena Deep are spending the summer aboard their uncle's floating research lab in the Caribbean. Last year they spent a lot of time swimming and snorkeling, and this year they plan to do the same thing. But something is different. The fish have grown into monster-sized creatures. For grades 4-7. 1997.

**The Haunted School: Goosebumps BR 11159**
by R.L. Stine
2 volumes
At twelve, Tommy Frazer suddenly finds himself with a new mom, a new house, and a new school. In hopes of making friends, he volunteers to be on the decoration committee for the school dance. Everything is going just fine until Tommy has to make a trip to the art room on the third floor where he begins hearing voices. For grades 4-7. 1997.

**Werewolf Skin: Goosebumps BR 11160**
by R.L. Stine
2 volumes
Alex Hunter comes to Wolf Creek to spend several weeks with his aunt and uncle while his parents travel. He brings along his own camera and hopes to get lessons from his relatives, who are professional photographers. Alex gets two warnings when he arrives—stay out of the woods and away from the neighbors. For grades 4-7. 1997.

**The Riddle of Penncroft Farm BR 11246**
by Dorothea Jensen
2 volumes
When Lars Olafson reluctantly moves with his parents to his great-aunt's farm in Pennsylvania, the last thing he's interested in is his family's Revolutionary War history. But that quickly changes when Lars is befriended by oddly dressed Geordie and realizes Geordie is the spirit of a long-ago ancestor. For grades 5-8. 1989.

**One More River BR 11265**
by Lynne Reid Banks
2 volumes
This account of fourteen-year-old Lesley Shelby is centered around the 1967 Six-Day War in Israel. Shelby has grown up in Canada and is extremely resistant to change, but her parents feel they must live in Israel in order to survive as Jews. Lesley slowly learns to adapt to life on a kibbutz. Prequel to *Broken Bridge (BR 11275)*. For grades 6-9. 1992.

**Goblins in the Castle BR 11273**
by Bruce Coville
1 volume
William has lived in Toad-in-a-Cage Castle since the cold December night he was found on the doorstep. He lives with the Baron; Karl, who tends the Baron's large library; and Hulda, the housekeeper. But there must be someone else in the castle, because William hears strange moans drifting down the hallways. For grades 4-7. 1992.

**Broken Bridge BR 11275**
by Lynne Reid Banks
2 volumes
This sequel to *One More River (BR 11265)* focuses on Lesley's fourteen-year-old daughter, Nili. Nili and her cousin Glen have just arrived from London when Glen is stabbed to death by an Arab terrorist. Nili is spared by the terrorist's companion and becomes torn between loyalty to her Jewish heritage and her feelings toward the terrorist who spared her life. For grades 6-9. 1994.

**You're Dead, David Borelli BR 11278**
by Susan M. Brown
1 volume
After his mother dies, David Borelli lives with his often-absent father and attends a private school. Then Mr. Borelli is accused of stealing money and flees. David is thrust into a foster home and a public school where he is tormented. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**Step by Wicked Step BR 11280**
by Anne Fine
1 volume
Five children on an overnight school field trip discover a long-ago diary of a boy who hated his stepfather. This find leads to the revelation that each of them is also from a broken home. They spend the rest of the night telling their own stories filled with stepparents, wicked and otherwise. For grades 4-7. 1996.

**Aunt Eater's Mystery Vacation**
**BR 11301**
by Doug Cushman
1 volume
Aunt Eater loves to read detective stories, and she plans to read a lot of them while on vacation at the Hotel Bathwater. But instead of reading, Aunt Eater finds herself solving several mysteries. For grades K-3. 1992.

**Bad Girls BR 11341**
by Cynthia Voigt
2 volumes
Mikey and Margalo are the new girls in fifth grade. Sitting next to each other, they soon discover that they are kindred spirits who like getting into mischief. Mikey likes to fight while Margalo likes to play tricks. Together they cause more trouble than the rest of the kids in Mrs. Chemsky's class. For grades 4-7. 1996.

**The Hating Book BR 11348**
by Charlotte Zolotow
1 volume
A young girl declares that she hates her friend who hurt her feelings. The girl's mother encourages her to ask the friend why she is being so mean. When the two finally talk, they realize it was all a misunderstanding. For grades K-3. 1969.

**My Life among the Aliens BR 11351**
by Gail Gauthier
1 volume
Will and his little brother, Robby, have a problem—they keep meeting aliens. At first they're scared and try to convince their mother to help. When she refuses to believe them, the boys resign themselves to dealing with the many aliens who appear to be drawn to their house by their mother's healthy snacks. For grades 3-6. 1996.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Conundrum** (British monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])
**Harper's** (literary; monthly)
**Health Newsletters** (includes **Harvard Health Letter, Mayo Clinic Health Letter,** and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter;** monthly)
**Inside Sports** (monthly)
**Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine** (monthly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Martha Stewart Living** (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
**Muse** (for children; 6 issues)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)

**National Geographic** (monthly)
**The New York Times Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
**PC World** (personal computing; monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
**Rolling Stone** (popular culture; 26 issues)
**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)
**Short Stories** (British monthly)
**Spider: The Magazine for Children** (monthly)
**Stone Soup** (children's writings; 5 issues)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)
**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

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# In Brief

## Catalog Survey Coming Soon

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## NLS Adds New Sports Magazine

*Inside Sports*, an adult monthly magazine produced in braille, ceased print publication with the July issue. *Inside Sports* subscribers will now automatically receive the monthly magazine *Sport*, unless they notify their regional libraries otherwise.

## BANA Approves New Rules for Literary Braille

The Braille Authority of North America (BANA) recently approved signs and rules for brailling electronic addresses (e-mail addresses and URLs) and filenames in nontechnical contexts. This information is set forth in the newly revised Rule VI, Section 27g, and Appendix C of the BANA *English Braille, American Edition, 1994*, and is based on the most recent edition of *Computer Braille Code*.

Certified literary braille transcribers should find the information in the Appendix C sufficient for brailling electronic addresses and filenames in literary braille and other nontechnical contexts. Computer filenames and e-mail, website, and other Internet addresses will follow the strictures of the *Computer Braille Code*. The new rules explain how to enter and exit the computer braille code, to transcribe embedded or displayed computer text, to divide a contiguous string of characters between lines, and to use numerals and punctuation, among other aspects of using computer braille in nontechnical contexts. The section provides examples to demonstrate the rules and requires that all computer-braille symbols used in the transcription be listed on a special page. Appendix C also contains a list of the most commonly used computer braille code symbols.

The revised Rule VI, Section 27g, and Appendix C are available at the BANA website at http://edtech.sandi.net/epd/bana.html or from Dolores Ferrara-Godzieba, BANA Chairperson, Associated Services for the Blind, 919 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107; phone (215) 627-0600; fax (215) 922-0692.

In addition, major revisions to the textbook code, including a new title, *Braille Formats: Principles of Print-to-Braille Transcription 1997*; to the music code, *Manual of Braille Music Notation American Edition, 1997*; and a new *Braille Code for Chemical Notation, 1997* were approved. These documents will be produced and will be available for purchase from the American Printing House for the Blind, P.O. Box 6085, 1839 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206-0085. For more information, contact BANA.

# Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

**Internet Braille Course Designed for Novices.** Teachers, parents, social workers, and braille transcribers can take advantage of an online braille course developed to help novices improve their skills in braille instruction.

Braille through Remote Learning is offered by the Shodor Foundation, Inc., in collaboration with the Governor Morehead School for the Blind and the North Carolina Central University (NCCU). School of Education, Durham, North Carolina. It includes three courses: Introduction to Braille, Braille Transcriber's Course, and Specialized Codes in Braille.

Students may opt for no credit, for which there is no charge, or for continuing education (CEU) or university credit. Those who wish to receive formal academic credit through the NCCU program or independent study through another institution, however, must pay the associated fees. Students may apply for stipends up to $600 that may be used to offset expenses for the course, including tuition, purchase of braille-

producing materials such as a Perkins brailler, and the costs of online services such as monthly fees and purchase of a modem.

For more information, contact, Robert R. Gotwals Jr., Computational Science Educator, The Shodor Education Foundation, Inc., 923 Broad Street, Suite 100, Durham, NC 27705; voice/TDD (919) 286-1911; fax (919) 286-7876;e-mail gotwals@shodor.org; website http://storm.shodor.org/~gotwals/gotwals.html.

**New Braille Music Resources Available.** The *New International Manual of Braille Music Notation* documents the latest braille music signs and rules that have been adopted as the international standard by sixteen countries, including the United States and Canada. The publication, however, uses a braille code that is slightly different than the approved BANA code. Previously available only by special foreign order, the print edition (282 pages, published by SVB Amsterdam), the braille edition (3 volumes, published by Braille Press Zurich), and a new interactive multimedia CD-ROM edition are now available from a U.S. distributor, Opus Technologies of San Diego, California.

Prices for the print, braille, and CD-ROM editions are $79, $89, and $249, respectively, plus a $5 shipping and handling fee. Contact Samuel O. Flores, President, for more information at Opus Technologies, 13333 Thunderhead Street, San Diego, CA 92129; phone/fax (619) 538-9401; e-mail opus@opustec.com; website www.opustec.com.

**Releases from the National Braille Press.** *Touch the Stars* takes young readers on a trip through outer space. It provides tactile images of the phases of the moon, such constellations as the Big Dipper, and other wonders of the universe. The print-braille book was designed and written for ages 8 and up by staff at the Museum of Science and Charles Hayden Planetarium in Boston. It is available for $24, including shipping and handling, from National Braille Press (NBP), 88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115; phone (617) 266-6160 or toll-free 1-800-548-7323; fax (617) 437-0456.

*How to Do Homework without Throwing Up* is also available through NBP. It is a large-print and braille book designed for independent readers age 8-12 and their families. Author Trevor Romain speaks to kids in their language using short text and cartoon-type characters. He walks kids and parents through managing school work. The book is available for $9.95.

The following information is reprinted from *Talking Book Topics, September–October 1998.*

# In Brief

## NLS Continues Magazine Program Changes

Beginning in January 1999, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) will offer readers twelve magazines on cassette instead of flexible disc.

These magazines continue a transition to the new cassette format for all audio magazines. NLS plans to continue the change in 2000 with an additional ten or eleven titles moving to cassette and conclude in 2001 when all NLS recorded magazines will be available on cassette.

This improvement to the magazine program is based on the recommendation of an advisory committee composed of program users and librarians. Subscribers will automatically receive the magazines listed below on cassette and need not take any action. To start a new subscription to these or any magazines in the program, contact your cooperating library.

- Civilization (bimonthly)
- Computer Life (monthly)
- Consumer Reports (monthly)
- Eating Well (bimonthly)
- Ebony (monthly)
- Good Housekeeping (monthly)
- Money (monthly)
- The *New York Times* Book Review (weekly)
- People (weekly)
- Stereo Review (monthly)
- Travel Holiday (monthly)
- Working Woman (monthly)

## Catalog Survey Coming Soon

Patrons will soon be able to select and order NLS catalogs and bibliographies that will be issued in 1999. A large-print order form will be mailed early this fall to patrons who subscribe to *TBT*. The form will give patrons the opportunity to order upcoming publications, such as *Cassette Books 1998* and *Braille Books 1997–1998*. Catalogs and bibliographies ordered will be sent directly to patrons when the publications are produced.

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**Shopping Catalogs**. Home Readers offers a variety of popular mail order catalogs on 4-track cassette. The catalogs list products from companies that sell clothing, gifts, music, food, collectibles, cosmetics, pet supplies, and health-related items. The tapes feature descriptions of patterns, styles, and colors that are pictured in the print editions. Prices for the catalogs range from $2 to $5. For more information contact Home Readers, 604 W. Hulett, Edgerton, KS 66021; telephone (913) 893-6939; e-mail Homeread@Qni.com.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

**Note:** For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

## Adult Nonfiction

**A Course in Miracles: Combined Volume BR 10835**
by Foundation for Inner Peace
14 volumes
Designed to help readers increase awareness of love in their lives. Explains theoretical concepts on which the course is based and includes a workbook with lessons for each day of the year and a teacher's manual. Subject of *Return to Love (BR 9979)*. 1975.

**Original Meanings: Politics and Ideas in the Making of the Constitution BR 11184**
by Jack N. Rakove
6 volumes
Explores the ideological and political assumptions that underlie the "original meanings" of the Constitution and the resulting ambiguities. Critiques the method that looks solely to the founders' intent for adapting the document to modern circumstances. Examines specific issues, such as federalism and the influence of James Madison. 1996.

**Inventing Mark Twain: The Lives of Samuel Langhorne Clemens BR 11190**
by Andrew Hoffman
7 volumes
Life of the beloved American writer and humorist who died in 1910 at the age of seventy-four. Hoffman explores the persona of Clemens's alter ego Mark Twain, an idealized public image used not only as a vehicle for self-promotion but also to rewrite a painful past. Some strong language. 1997.

**Deep Atlantic: Life, Death, and Exploration in the Abyss BR 11199**
by Richard Ellis
4 volumes
Chronicles the history of exploration in the Atlantic Ocean. Then describes a voyage to the depths of the Atlantic to reveal the exotic and wondrous creatures residing on the ocean floor. 1996.

**William Cooper's Town: Power and Persuasion on the Frontier of the Early American Republic BR 11205**
by Alan Taylor
8 volumes
Portrays the life of wealthy land speculator and politician William Cooper, who rose from humble origins to prominence as the founder of Cooperstown, New York. The spectacular rise and later decline of Cooper's fortunes inspired the writings of his author son, James Fenimore Cooper. 1995.

**The Politics of Rage: George Wallace, the Origins of the New Conservatism, and the Transformation of American Politics BR 11223**
by Dan T. Carter
7 volumes
History of the Alabama governor and conservative leader, whose national political career was cut short by a gunshot in 1972 that left him paralyzed. Carter traces Wallace's role in launching a conservative movement that allowed Republicans to dominate American politics in the 1980s and 1990s. Some strong language. 1995.

**Cooking with Too Hot Tamales: Recipes and Tips from the Television Food Network's Spiciest Cooking Duo BR 11225**
by Mary Sue Milliken
and Susan Feniger
2 volumes
Restaurant owners and radio and television hosts, the authors present recipes for Spanish and Latin American dishes from drinks and snacks to desserts. Turkey tamales with fresh cranberry salsa, quinoa salad, chile crab cakes, and sweet potato fries are a few examples. 1997.

**A Commotion in the Blood: Life, Death, and the Immune System BR 11228**
by Stephen S. Hall
7 volumes
An examination of the techniques and intricacies associated with immunotherapy, which uses the body's own cells to combat cancer and other diseases. The progressive use of immunology is discussed, beginning with "Coley's Toxins." The author also supplies a glimpse into the politics involved with scientific discoveries. 1997.

**The Perfect Vehicle: What It Is about Motorcycles BR 11237**
by Melissa Holbrook Pierson
2 volumes
Motorcycle enthusiast delivers an exposition on this two-wheel vehicle and its riders. Pierson communicates the thrill of the sport, distinguishing between real and imaginary dangers. She wittily intersperses her personal experiences throughout the account. 1997.

**The Wisdom of the Body BR 11243**
by Sherwin B. Nuland
4 volumes
Companion to *How We Die (BR 9461)*. A surgeon explores the mystery of life and the human body. Discerns an inherent "spirit" in the organic structure, through which humans maintain themselves and survive. Examines the body's major systems, recounting case studies involving the body's responses to diseases and treatments. 1997.

**Falling from Grace: Can Pro Basketball Be Saved? BR 11244**
by Terry Pluto
3 volumes
A scathing look at the National Basketball Association. The author decries the on-court behavior of the NBA's new generation of players and the overall state of the game. Pluto reinforces his remonstrations of the NBA with quotes from basketball luminaries Charles Barkley, Willis Reed, Chuck Daly, and many others. Some violence and some strong language. 1995.

**Resurrection: The Struggle for a New Russia BR 11260**
by David Remnick
4 volumes
Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist describes the post-Cold War struggle to

establish a new Russian state. He provides close-up portraits and detailed reporting on war-torn Chechnya, the return of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, and the reelection of Boris Yeltsin in 1996. He argues for greater Western involvement in Moscow's haphazard efforts to control corruption and entrench democratic freedoms. 1997.

**Lost in Place: Growing Up Absurd in Suburbia BR 11279**
by Mark Salzman
2 volumes
The author's memoir of his offbeat teenage years spent in conventional suburban Connecticut. He describes his early fascination with things oriental—the Chinese language, martial arts, and Zen—and recounts his adolescent foibles. Depicts his troubled relationship with his curmudgeonly father. Strong language. 1995.

**The Journey Out: A Guide for and about Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Teens BR 11284**
by Rachel Pollack and Cheryl Schwartz
1 volume
The authors give advice to teenagers on various aspects of discovering one's sexuality: dating, myths and stereotypes, religion and spirituality, homophobia and harassment, finding self-acceptance, and coming out to family and friends. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**The Figured Wheel: New and Collected Poems, 1966–1996 BR 11292**
by Robert Pinsky
3 volumes
A compendium of the first four books by the U.S. poet laureate, with twenty-one new poems. The title poem, "The Figured Wheel," with its image of the wheel of life, illustrates the all-encompassing scope of the poems. 1996.

**The Collected Poems BR 11302**
by Reynolds Price
3 volumes
The South's well-known contemporary writer combines three of his older works of poetry with an additional collection. The latter poems were written after his near-fatal bout with spinal cancer. Throughout the work are themes of friendship, family, and death. 1997.

**The Welcome Table: African-American Heritage Cooking BR 11307**
by Jessica B. Harris
3 volumes
Presents more than two hundred recipes along with historical information about cookery from around the country. Besides traditional ingredients, suggests healthy substitutes to guard against hypertension. Also includes a glossary and a list of favorite restaurants and mail-order sources. 1995.

**Even in Quiet Places BR 11313**
by William Stafford
1 volume
Posthumous collection of four chapbooks from 1990 to 1995 by an award-winning poet. Stafford's poem "Pretty Good Day" supplies the line for the title *Even in Quiet Places*, which alludes to secluded areas of retreat. Nature is an important force in many of Stafford's poems. Contains an afterword by Stafford's son, Kim, who is his literary executor. 1996.

***Kora and Ka*: With *Mira-Mare* BR 11329**
by Hilda Doolittle
1 volume
Two experimental pieces written in 1930 by the imagist poet "H.D." set in Monte

Carlo. In the first, Kora is John Helforth's companion while he recovers from a nervous breakdown. His Ka, from the Egyptian concept of shadow-soul, also accompanies them. In "Mira-Mare," Alex explores the beach setting. The eleven-page introduction by Robert Spoo provides literary commentary. 1996.

**Fresno Stories BR 11333**
by William Saroyan
1 volume
A collection of eleven of the author's humorous short stories that span the length of his career. Each story revolves around ethnic families in Fresno, California, in the early part of the century. 1936.

***The Cricket on the Hearth* and Other Christmas Stories BR 11334**
by Charles Dickens
2 volumes
Three short Christmas tales written in the 1850s. In "The Cricket on the Hearth" and "The Holly-Tree," misunderstandings between lovers are cleared up in time to make the holiday cheerful. Similarly, in "The Haunted House," lovers are eventually united. 1994.

**The Time Bind: When Work Becomes Home and Home Becomes Work BR 11342**
by Arlie Russell Hochschild
3 volumes
A sociology professor examines a large American corporation that has family-friendly policies to find out why most of its employees aren't taking full advantage of them. 1997.

**Divided to the Vein: A Journey into Race and Family BR 11345**
by Scott Minerbrook
3 volumes
A writer for *U.S. News & World Report* examines his family history. Growing up in the North with a black father and a white mother in the fifties, Minerbrook recalls incidents of prejudice from both races. Having never felt completely accepted, in middle age Minerbrook travels to rural Missouri to confront his white relatives. Some strong language and some violence. 1996.

**Plays: *Intrigue and Love* and *Don Carlos* BR 11346**
by Friedrich Schiller
3 volumes
Two late-eighteenth-century dramas by a German poet, philosopher, and historian. *Intrigue and Love* is an early work (1783) of class conflict and social protest. *Don Carlos (1787)* is a tragedy reflecting the dramatist's love for a married woman. In these dramas, Schiller voices his opposition to tyranny and appeals for more idealistic goals and humanitarian ways. 1787.

**In the Huddle with— Steve Young BR 11355**
by Matt Christopher
1 volume
In this biography of Steve Young, quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers, the author emphasizes that the athlete had to struggle throughout his career to be number one. Through hard work and determination, Young eventually became the starting quarterback while earning a law degree in the off season. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America's Continuing Debate over Science and Religion BR 11356**
by Edward J. Larson
4 volumes
A historical account of the 1925 Scopes "monkey" trial, when the state of Tennessee prosecuted John Scopes for teaching evolution in a public school. The courtroom arguments featured the famous orators William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow debating religion and the state's right to dictate school curriculum. 1997.

**Ruth, a Portrait: The Story of Ruth Bell Graham BR 11357**
by Patricia Cornwell
3 volumes
Written by a popular crime novelist—a family friend—this account of the wife of evangelist Billy Graham begins with Ruth Bell's early life in China as a child of missionaries. Because she wanted to follow in her parents' footsteps, it took persuasion on Graham's part to convince her to marry him and become his helpmate. 1997.

**The Information Superhighway BR 11371**
by Martin and Kathlyn Gay
1 volume
Provides an overview of the services of the Internet. Introduces issues of government control, trade and business, education, and privacy. Also discusses electronic mail, listservs, and personal communication. Problems such as piracy, copyright infringement, and obscenity on the Internet are presented briefly. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

# Adult Fiction

**What Maisie Knew BR 11099**
by Henry James
3 volumes
Each of the divorced parents of a perceptive twelve-year-old girl subsequently remarries, and she continues to spend six months of the year with each family. She observes the same adulterous activities by her stepmother and stepfather as she saw by her parents, but this knowledge matures rather than corrupts her. Written in the 1890s. 1996.

**The Oxford Book of Travel Stories BR 11202**
edited by Patricia Craig
5 volumes
The author defines travel stories as oriented to the actual act of traveling, rather than to the destination. This collection of more than thirty such tales spans more than a century and includes works by Evelyn Waugh, Rebecca West, Edith Wharton, Anthony Trollope, Paul Theroux, and William Trevor. 1996.

**I, Tom Horn BR 11226**
by Will Henry
3 volumes
In this fictional autobiography of the legendary cavalry scout, rodeo rider, and Pinkerton detective, the author deals with the question, "Did Tom Horn kill fourteen-year-old Willie Nickell in 1901, or was he, in fact, framed?" Strong language. 1975.

**Where You Are BR 11241**
by George Constable
2 volumes
Lake Stevenson has just inherited a house from his late Aunt Ilsa, but her will stipulates that Lake live in the house with her springer spaniel, Ran-

dall, until the dog dies. Wanting to sell the house, Lake begins thinking of ways to get Randall out of the picture. 1996.

**The Golden Apples BR 11247**
by Eudora Welty
2 volumes
Interconnected short stories evoke a Southern small town in the early 1900s. In "June Recital," Virgie Rainey exhibits a talent that will support her independent streak—a quality that sets her apart from her more conventional friends. In "Moon Lake" a girl nearly drowns, and a Boy Scout performs his good deed. Children grow up, but do not necessarily fulfill their parents' expectations. 1949.

**Love and Houses BR 11250**
by Marti Leimbach
2 volumes
Novelist Meg Howe is seven months pregnant when her husband's chronic fear of commitment prompts him to move out, leaving her with mortgages on an apartment and the house they are remodeling. Meg's former boyfriend, an extremely successful author, reenters her life when he buys the building in which she lives. Some strong language. 1997.

**The Professor's House BR 11281**
by Willa Cather
2 volumes
A psychological study that concerns the emotional crisis of a fifty-year-old professor at a midwestern university who, at the height of his career, begins to be dissatisfied with himself. 1925.

**The Dreadful Debutante BR 11282**
by Marion Chesney
1 volume
Drusilla and Mira Markham are to have their London season together. But while the beautiful Drusilla looks forward to the event, plain, tomboyish Mira does not. The only good thing to Mira is that Lord Charles Devere, her longtime friend, will be there. When Charles falls for Drusilla, Mira's jealous reaction draws the attention of a marquess. For high school and older readers. 1994.

**Shadows on the Rock BR 11283**
by Willa Cather
2 volumes
Historical novel that records the last days of Count Frontenac and the daily life of frontier Quebec as seen through the eyes of a child. 1931.

**The Thief BR 11285**
by Megan Whalen Turner
2 volumes
Gen, who boasts he can steal anything, is in the king's prison. He is offered a chance of freedom by joining the king's scholar in trying to recover the legendary Hamiathes's Gift Stone. Gen accepts the offer but endures many psychological and physical dangers. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Secret Lives BR 11286**
by Caroline Macdonald
1 volume
Australian Ian Ganty, fourteen, lives with his grandmother because his parents died. When she leaves town for a few days, Ian's life spirals out of control. First, his new older friend Gideon steals a car, and then Ian becomes a suspect in two other crimes. He tries to break free of Gideon, but can't escape his partner's overpowering influence. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

***Blood Lake* and Other Stories BR 11290**
by Jim Krusoe
2 volumes
A collection of eight darkly humorous short stories, each revealing a bizarre twist on ordinary events. The title tale opens with two men fishing in a leaky boat on a lake of actual blood, so that occasionally they need to dip their lures in anticoagulant. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

**Wilkes: His Life and Crimes BR 11304**
by Winston Schoonover
3 volumes
As reported by his law partner Schoonover, Wilkes is more colorful than most of his New York clients. The two attorneys are jailed in contempt of court and participate in a jailhouse riot. Wilkes's cases involve him in a rigged TV game show, in defending a pimp from his prostitutes, and even in obstructing his own election to a judgeship. Strong language. 1981.

**Sapphira and the Slave Girl BR 11305**
by Willa Cather
2 volumes
In the period prior to the Civil War, Sapphira Colbert develops an irrational jealousy of one of her house servants, Nancy. Henry Colbert, Sapphira's husband, is fond of Nancy and doesn't take the matter seriously. Their daughter Rachel, however, decides to take matters into her own hands. Her decision changes Nancy's life forever. Some strong language. 1940.

**Jackie by Josie BR 11306**
by Caroline Preston
3 volumes
Josie should be writing her dissertation on an obscure poet, but when a celebrity biographer offers her a summer job researching Jackie Onassis, Josie surprises herself by accepting. This means staying in New England with her mother and toddler son, while her husband moves to Berkeley with their female friend. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

**A Devil in Paradise BR 11336**
by Henry Miller
1 volume
Autobiographical novel set in Big Sur, California, after World War II. An acquaintance from Miller's Paris days soon wears out his welcome, especially after Miller discovers his evil secrets. 1956.

**See How They Run BR 11343**
by Bethany Campbell
3 volumes
Teacher Laura Stoner and her twin autistic students witness a drive-by shooting. The eight-year-old boys' ability to reel off the license number and describe the shooter puts them in grave danger because the victim is a Mafia don. The trio reluctantly go into protective custody but soon learn that may not help them. Strong language, violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

**Rookery Blues BR 11344**
by Jon Hassler
4 volumes
During the turbulent sixties, five dissimilar professors find a common interest in music. Forming a jazz band, the Icejam Quintet, they try to enliven the small, isolated campus of Rookery State. But outside forces—the Vietnam War, union

strife, and love affairs—threaten the harmony of college life. Some strong language. 1995.

**Twice a Hero BR 11347**
by Susan Krinard
3 volumes
In 1997, at her dying grandfather's request, MacKenzie Sinclair reluctantly visits the ruins of Tikal to apologize to the spirit of Liam O'Shea, a man betrayed by a Sinclair in 1885. She then finds herself transported back through time into O'Shea's arms. Explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 1997.

**The Proposal BR 11350**
by Angela Hunt
2 volumes
A case of mistaken identity causes problems for new author Theodora Russell. An editor confuses her manuscript about Down's syndrome with that of successful novelist Theodore Russell, who submitted a proposal to the same publisher for a book linking breast cancer with first-pregnancy abortion, an unpopular idea. Now both writers' lives are in danger. 1996.

**Sacred BR 11352**
by Dennis Lehane
3 volumes
Boston PIs Patrick Kenzie and Angela Gennaro are still reeling from a tragic case when billionaire Trevor Stone convinces them to get back to work. Stone, who is dying of cancer, wants to find his grown daughter, who is missing. Kenzie's mentor was already sent after her, but he has vanished too. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

**Neverwhere BR 11353**
by Neil Gaiman
3 volumes
En route to a formal dinner, London businessman Richard Mayhew spots a young woman lying wounded in the street. He takes the victim to his home and awakes the next day to find that he has lost his identity in the real world. Mayhew joins the now-healed woman in a perilous quest through an eerie subterranean realm. 1997.

**Happy Hour BR 11354**
by Thomas Ogren
1 volume
Before he can bring his drinking under control, Eddie Moreno loses his marriage, family, and job. Then Eddie joins Alcoholics Anonymous, but has one last episode with the bottle before he finally achieves a sober life. Grade 1 braille. 1990.

**A Certain Justice BR 11358**
by P.D. James
4 volumes
Commander Adam Dalgliesh and his team investigate the murder of respected, though disliked, lawyer Venetia Aldridge. Among the likely suspects is one of her last successfully defended clients, Garry Ashe, a sociopath and murderer who is dating her daughter. Several other suspects turn up, but as a review of the court system reveals, justice is not always served. Bestseller 1997.

**Homecoming BR 11360**
by Belva Plain
1 volume
Annette Byrne, eighty-five, has had enough of the estrangement between her two sons and among other family members. She summons them all to her

home on a wintry December day. Tensions are high, and harsh words begin to flow. Then a near tragedy puts a different light on the day for each of those present. Bestseller 1997.

**Big Babies BR 11376**
by Sherwood Kiraly
2 volumes
A lengthy, humorous letter to his unknown birth mother describes the life of A.J. Fleger and that of his older brother, Sterling. Sterling's acting career is halted for years after an embarrassing error, and his comeback brings out his own odd birth family. Meanwhile A.J. finally stumbles into a career in child safety and provides Sterling's big break. Strong language. 1996.

**Athena BR 11377**
by John Banville
2 volumes
Freddie Montgomery of *The Book of Evidence (BR 8400)* and *Ghosts (BR 9511)* has changed his name to Morrow. Now in Dublin, he is hired to write descriptions of Flemish paintings stolen from the same house Freddie once burgled. Morrow also describes his affair with a mysterious woman he calls A. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 1995.

**God on a Harley: A Spiritual Fable BR 11380**
by Joan Brady
1 volume
Disillusioned with love and life, an unmarried trauma nurse encounters a mysterious, alluring biker in a bar. He proceeds to guide her on a spiritual journey, helping her to overcome her self-defeating attitudes and accept a set of "new commandments" that lead to her self-renewal. 1995.

**Hope Valley War BR 11381**
by Brock Thoene
2 volumes
After nine years on the trail, John Thornton returns to the Utah territory in 1858 to face a grim situation. His brother Lucky has been lynched, Lucky's widow is hiding out, and another brother is in jail. As he struggles to sort things out, John himself becomes a target of the conspiracy that led to the murder. 1997.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Children's Nonfiction

**Look to the North: A Wolf Pup Diary BR 11023**
by Jean Craighead George
1 volume
Diary of the first seven months in the lives of three wolf pups—Boulder, Scree, and Talus. The author relates the pups' stages of development to the seasons of the year. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1997.

**The Ballot Box Battle BR 11316**
by Emily Arnold McCully
1 volume
In 1880 the elderly feminist Elizabeth Cady Stanton tells her young friend Cordelia about her efforts to win for women the right to vote. Cordelia listens to her neighbor's talk of women's suffrage even though she doesn't believe it has anything to do with her. Then Mrs. Stanton tells a story from her own childhood. For grades 4-7. 1996.

**Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille BR 11319**
by Russell Freedman
1 volume
Louis Braille accidentally blinded himself with one of his father's tools when he was three years old. In 1819, at the age of ten, Braille began attending the Royal National Institute for Blind Youth in Paris, where, by the age of fifteen, he had developed a system of raised dots for reading and writing that is now used worldwide by blind people. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1997.

**Shaker Hearts BR 11374**
by Ann Turner
1 volume
Describes how the Shakers, founded by Ann Lee and her followers who came to America from England in 1774, centered their sect around the theme of "Hands to work, hearts to God." The author portrays their daily life, showing how they dedicated themselves to God while building practical, self-sufficient communities. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1997.

**Lives of the Artists: Masterpieces, Messes (and What the Neighbors Thought) BR 11425**
by Kathleen Krull
1 volume
Portraits of nineteen artists, providing information about their childhood years and the works that made them famous. Includes Michelangelo Buonarroti, Rembrandt van Rijn, Mary Cassatt, Henri Matisse, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Andy Warhol. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**Chesapeake Bay Goose Music BR 11452**
by Roger Ethier
1 volume
The author tells his daughter how a young Canada goose was separated from his migrating flock, was wounded, and landed on a tiny island in Chesapeake Bay. Nursed back to health by "Petite Mom," the author's mother, the goose is unable to fly but still finds a mate, who returns to the island each year with their offspring. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1995.

# Children's Fiction

**Potato: A Tale from the Great Depression BR 11020**
by Kate Lied
1 volume
The story of Agnes, Clarence, and their daughter Dorothy moving to Idaho to dig potatoes during the Great Depression was written by Kate Lied when she was eight years old. Lied, granddaughter of Agnes and Clarence, tells how the crop helped the family survive. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1997.

**The Lapsnatcher BR 11024**
by Bruce Coville
1 volume
Jacob looked forward to the arrival of his new baby sister until he realized she was a lapsnatcher. Now, wanting his mother and father's full attention again, Jacob begs everyone to take her away. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1997.

**Shingebiss: An Ojibwe Legend BR 11025**
retold by Nancy Van Laan
1 volume
This Ojibwe (Chippewa) legend tells how Shingebiss, a clever, resourceful duck, meets the challenges of Kabibona'kan, Winter Maker. Shingebiss has four logs in his wigwam to keep him warm all winter, but when he goes outdoors to fish for food, Winter Maker tries to freeze him. Shingebiss outwits Winter Maker in the end. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 1997.

**Town Mouse, Country Mouse BR 11027**
by Jan Brett
1 volume
Tired of running from the house cat, the "town mouse" decides to take his wife on a picnic in the country. There they meet a country mouse and her husband, who offer to trade houses with the town mice. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1994.

**McDuff Moves In BR 11028**
by Rosemary Wells
1 volume
When the dogcatcher's truck goes over a bump in the road, a little white dog falls out and lands in a bed of flowers. He doesn't know where he is, but he knows he is hungry. He goes looking for something to eat and a warm place to stay. The dog is not welcomed at the first two homes, but at the third house, a nice couple takes him in. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1997.

**A Sunburned Prayer BR 11249**
by Marc Talbert
1 volume
Because his grandmother is dying of cancer, Eloy decides to make the seventeen-mile Good Friday march to appeal for a miracle. Defying his mother, Eloy joins the stream of people on the highway traveling to the holy site. He gains a new friend and new insights along the way. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**Running Out of Time BR 11287**
by Margaret Peterson Haddix
2 volumes
In 1840, Jessie Keyser, twelve, lives with her family in the town of Clifton. But when Jessie's friends begin falling ill, her mother tells her the shocking truth: It is really 1996, and the family is part of an elaborate tourist attraction—one that has gone horribly wrong. It's now up to Jessie to escape to the modern world to find help. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**The Goalie BR 11291**
by Susan Shreve
1 volume
Julie's mother died when Julie was three and her sister just a baby. Since then Julie, now in sixth grade, has made it a point to be the one her father depends on. When he begins dating the mother of a new boy in her class, Julie feels her world begin to crumble. The boy is even competing with her to be goalie on the soccer team. For grades 4-7. 1996.

**My Brother Has AIDS BR 11308**
by Deborah Davis
1 volume
At thirteen, Lacy's main interest is qualifying for the regional swim meet. But a letter from her much older attorney brother, Jack, changes that. Lacy has known for some time that Jack is gay, but now he has AIDS and wants to come home. Lacy can't understand her parents' hesitation or their insistence on keeping the situation secret. For grades 6-9. 1994.

**An Occasional Cow BR 11317**
by Polly Horvath
1 volume
Imogene's parents have arranged for her to spend the summer with her four cousins in Iowa. As a New Yorker, Imogene imagines Iowa as boring cornfields and pigs, but Iowa is much more fun than summer camp ever was. Imogene experiences blood oaths, climbing the laundry chute, training pigs to curtsy, and swimming games. And Imogene's gum-wrapper chain becomes more than a pastime. For grades 4-7. 1989.

**Little House in the Big Woods BR 11322**
by Laura Ingalls Wilder
1 volume
A family experiences pioneer life in a little log house in Wisconsin in the 1870s. The Ingalls family feels safe and secure despite blizzards, wolves, and the loneliness of the big woods. Prequel to *Little House on the Prairie (BR 10510)*. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1932.

**On the Banks of Plum Creek BR 11323**
by Laura Ingalls Wilder
2 volumes
The pioneering Ingalls family leaves the prairie for a farm and a primitive sod hut in Minnesota, where they must battle a flood, a blizzard, and a devastating plague of grasshoppers. Sequel to *Little House on the Prairie (BR 10510)*. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1937.

**By the Shores of Silver Lake BR 11324**
by Laura Ingalls Wilder
2 volumes
The Ingalls family moves westward once more, this time to the Dakota territory, where Pa finds a job in a railroad camp and the family takes up a homestead. Sequel to *On the Banks of Plum Creek (BR 11323)*. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1939.

**The Long Winter BR 11325**
by Laura Ingalls Wilder
2 volumes
The Ingalls family moves from their stake on the Dakota prairie to their

store in town to escape the severe winter. One blizzard follows another until trains stop running and the community, isolated for months, faces starvation. Sequel to *By the Shores of Silver Lake (BR 11324)*. For grades 4-7. 1940.

**Aunt Eater's Mystery Christmas BR 11328**
by Doug Cushman
1 volume
Aunt Eater, an anteater, is getting ready for a visit from her sister, Eliza. She has just finished her Christmas shopping when she spots an ad for a new mystery book by her favorite author. But before Aunt Eater can get a copy, she has to solve several mysteries of her own. For grades K-3. 1995.

**No More Nice BR 11331**
by Amy MacDonald
1 volume
When he's eleven, Simon's parents have him spend a week with his father's aunt and uncle. Amazed that his new-found relatives appear to have no manners whatsoever, polite, quiet Simon soon delights in learning what they refer to as his unlessons: spitting, cussing, interrupting, and other non-Simon-like behavior. For grades 3-6. 1996.

**Julie's Wolf Pack BR 11375**
by Jean Craighead George
1 volume
This sequel to *Julie (BR 10116)* chronicles six years of the wolf pack family led by Kapu. The Eskimos call these wolves "Julie's wolf pack" because of the past connection between Julie and the wolves. Now on their own, the members of the pack face famine and disease. When Kapu is captured for a scientific experiment, Julie intervenes on his behalf. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**Mr. Popper's Penguins BR 11424**
by Richard and Florence Potato
1 volume
When his pet penguin, "Captain Cook," becomes lonely, Mr. Popper gets another penguin to keep him company. Before long, there are ten more penguins in the Popper household and things are never quite the same again. For grades 3-6. 1938.

# Foreign Language Books

## Spanish

**Igual que Yo BR 11016**
por Barbara J. Neasi
1 volumen
Jasmín y Julia son gemelas. Se parecen lo mismo. Las dos assisten a la misma escuela, aprenden a bailar y les gusta patinar y masticar chicle. Pero aunque se paracen mucho, a veces tienen muchas diferencias. Para preescolares hasta segundo grado. Libro en tinta con braille. (Jasmin and Julia are twins. They look alike, they go to the same school, they take dancing lessons, and they like to skate and chew gum. But even though they are the same in many ways, they also have many differences. PRINT/ BRAILLE. For preschool to grade 2.) 1988.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Conundrum** (British monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])
**Harper's** (literary; monthly)
**Health Newsletters** (includes **Harvard Health Letter, Mayo Clinic Health Letter,** and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter;** monthly)
**Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine** (monthly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Martha Stewart Living** (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
**Muse** (for children; 6 issues)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**The *New York Times* Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
**PC World** (personal computing; monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
**Rolling Stone** (popular culture; 26 issues)
**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)
**Short Stories** (British monthly)
**Spider: The Magazine for Children** (monthly)
**Sport** (monthly)
**Stone Soup** (children's writings; 5 issues)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)
**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

The following sports schedules are also available:
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**National Baseball League Schedule**
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# In Brief

## APH to assist in revising National Literary Braille Competency Test

The American Printing House for the Blind (APH) of Louisville, Kentucky, and NLS have entered into a cooperative agreement to work on the revision and ongoing maintenance of the National Literary Braille Competency Test (NLBCT).

NLS has been administering the test for teachers of braille to children and adults since May 1994. It is currently being revised as part of a validation study conducted by Human Research Resources Organization (HumRRO), Alexandria, Virginia.

NLS director Frank Kurt Cylke said, "We look forward to working with the research and development staff at APH on this project. APH has long been a leader in the development of materials for the education of blind children and adults. Its staff has expertise in testing and test production that will complement the NLS expertise in the literary braille code and in the certification process."

During the next two years, APH will participate with NLS in organizing two committees to facilitate the revision process and to manage and maintain the testing program over time. The Administrative Issues Committee (AIC) will oversee administration of the test and recommend policies and procedures associated with the testing program. The Test Development Committee (TDC) will develop and maintain the test (e.g., introduce new test forms as needed). The Administrative Issues Committee

will have members from the American Council of the Blind (ACB), the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER), and the National Federation of the Blind (NFB). The Test Development Committee will include a representative group of teachers.

The American Printing House will further assist the effort by producing the print and braille test materials.

For additional information, contact: Mary Lou Stark, Head, Braille Development Section, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542; telephone 800-424-8567; fax (202) 707-0712; e-mail: msta@loc.gov.

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**Life-saving techniques for blind people**. *Safe without Sight* is a manual that teaches people who cannot see how to use their skills to avoid or protect themselves in dangerous situations. The book was a collective effort by Scott McCall, a blind director of the rehabilitation center that developed the program; Wendy David, a blind clinical psychologist who specializes in trauma and assault; and Kelly Kollmar, a sighted self-defense instructor who has designed a variety of programs for disabled people. The guide suggests practical self-defense techniques and is available in print, in braille, on cassette, and on computer diskette for $14. Add $3 shipping and handling for print. Write the National Braille Press, 88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115 or call 1-800-548-7323.

**Children's book club on the World Wide Web**. The National Braille Press (NBP) offers a new print-braille children's book every month for children in preschool through third grade. The same children's picture books available at many stores are enriched with the identical text in braille embossed on transparent plastic sheets.

Membership in the book club is free and entitles you to receive monthly notices (in print or braille) describing each month's feature book, which range in price from $4.95 through $15.96. Members can also choose to subscribe and automatically receive the print/braille book each month for a annual fee of $100. For more information, visit NBP on the World Wide Web at http://www.nbp.org/bookclub.html

**Triangle Braille Services (TBS) releases catalog**. TBS produces lesbian and gay literature in braille for purchase at affordable prices. Their inaugural catalog includes nonfiction, fiction, and poetry not otherwise available in accessible formats. For more information or to request a free catalog in braille, on computer diskette, or via e-mail, contact Triangle Braille Services, P.O. Box 50606, Minneapolis, MN 55405; phone: (612) 822-0549; e-mail jenshar@concentric.net.

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# In Brief

## Catalogs Published in Audio Format

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) has released three catalogs in recorded audio format. *Bestsellers 1984–1994*, *Cassette Books 1997*, and *Entertainers* describe special-format books available to eligible patrons.

*Bestsellers 1984–1994* is recorded on four-track cassette and features listings of fiction bestsellers that are in audio format. The bestselling novels are by authors such as Danielle Steel, Barbara Taylor Bradford, Tom Clancy, Robert Ludlum, Stephen King, and John Grisham, among many others.

*Cassette Books 1997*, which is recorded on flexible disc, lists adult cassette books produced by NLS during 1997. Books are listed alphabetically within subject categories under nonfiction and fiction headings.

*Entertainers* is recorded on cassette and is a bibliography of selected books about actors, singers, dancers, comedians, and television personalities.

The catalogs are being sent directly to patrons who ordered them on their annual publication order forms. They can also be ordered from your cooperating library.

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# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Adult Nonfiction

**Fulbright: A Biography BR 11200**
by Randall Bennett Woods
9 volumes
A portrait of the internationalist senator from Arkansas and staunch opponent of the Vietnam War. Traces his Arkansas roots, Oxford education, and distinguished academic and political careers. Follows his thirty years of service in the U.S. Senate, where he made a lasting imprint on cold war foreign policy. 1995.

**Intimate Worlds: Life inside the Family BR 11236**
by Maggie Scarf
5 volumes
Analyzes the family structure using the Beaver Family Systems model. The system classifies groups in levels from severely disturbed to optimally adjusted. Scarf interviewed four families to illustrate her theories. She also discusses bonding and relationship boundaries. 1995.

**The Portable Emerson BR 11293**
by Ralph Waldo Emerson
6 volumes
Selections from the works of essayist and poet Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803–1882). Includes his first published work, *Nature*, which contains the essence of his transcendentalist philosophy; his address to the Phi Beta Kappa society at Harvard, "The American Scholar"; and his controversial address to the graduating class of the Cambridge Divinity School in 1838. Also includes other essays and twenty-two poems. 1981.

**The Modern Book of Stretching: Strength and Flexibility at Any Age BR 11297**
by Anne Kent Rush
1 volume
A preventive healthcare expert presents a series of stretches that range from slow, easy movements to quicker, more demanding ones. Includes both solo and partner stretches and recommends movements to assist in various sports. 1997.

**Mexico: Biography of Power, a History of Modern Mexico, 1810–1996 BR 11299**
by Enrique Krauze
10 volumes
Krauze depicts the personalities and lives of Mexico's rulers and leaders to present the history of the country. Among the men he chronicles are Archduke Maximilian, Emiliano Zapata, Francisco Villa, Lázaro Cárdenas,

Miguel Alemán, and Gustavo Díaz Ordaz. 1997.

**The Words We Live By: The Creeds, Mottoes, and Pledges That Have Shaped America BR 11310**

by Brian Burrell
4 volumes
In this anthology of major texts that have influenced life in the United States, the author compiles works ranging from the Golden Rule to the Mafia initiation oath. What began as a family hobby evolved into this collection of essays revolving around popular sayings. 1997.

**Cold War: The American Crusade against World Communism, 1945–1991 BR 11311**

by James A. Warren
2 volumes
Chronicles the cold war—America's global struggle against communism from 1945 to the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. Portrays the military, diplomatic, economic, and scientific dimensions of the rivalry between the superpowers. Explains the issues and events of the era. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**The Seeing Glass: A Memoir BR 11312**

by Jacquelin Gorman
2 volumes
When the author temporarily loses sight—one eye at a time—she retreats to her bedroom and memories of her late autistic brother, Robin. In alternating chapters she tells of her experience with blindness and the story of Robin. 1997.

**Friendships in the Dark: A Blind Woman's Story of the People and Pets Who Light Up Her World BR 11314**

by Phyllis Campbell
2 volumes
Totally blind since birth, the author tells of growing up on a small Virginia farm and going away to a residential school with her older sister, who is also blind, and becoming a church organist. She describes in loving detail the animals and other friends she meets along the way. 1996.

**Our Fascinating Earth BR 11315**

by Philip and Nancy R. Seff
3 volumes
A collection of almost 180 articles presenting unusual scientific facts and information on natural wonders. Each of the nine chapters covers a variety of topics such as wolves, scorpions, the Kohinoor diamond, the pyramids, dinosaurs, rivers, carnivorous plants, hurricanes, even garlic. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1996.

**An Unspoken Hunger: Stories from the Field BR 11321**

by Terry Tempest Williams
1 volume
A collection of eighteen essays by a naturalist who draws attention to the earth and reminds readers that they are part of the environment. The author urges people to become more intimate with nature. 1994.

**John Quincy Adams: A Public Life, a Private Life BR 11349**

by Paul C. Nagel
5 volumes
Based on Adams's diary and correspondence, this biography depicts his family life as well as his political career. Covers his negotiation of the Monroe Doc-

trine, his successful defense of the *Amistad* antislavery case before the Supreme Court, and his term as the sixth U.S. president. 1997.

**Beauty Lab: How Science Is Changing the Way We Look BR 11362**
by Mildred Leinweber Dawson
1 volume
The author describes how the human body works and how to take care of it. Discusses how good health combined with the results of medical and cosmetic research can help maintain the natural beauty of teeth, hair, and skin. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Listening with My Heart BR 11364**
by Heather Whitestone
2 volumes
The author tells of growing up deaf after a childhood illness and dreaming first of being a dancer and then of being a beauty pageant winner. Crowned Miss America in 1995, Whitestone became the first victor with a disability. She tells of her belief that she is following God's plan and describes the five guiding principles that helped her find success. 1997.

**Working in Music BR 11369**
by Barbara Lee
1 volume
Profiles of twelve people in musical careers: a jazz drummer, a classical pianist, a violin maker, a composer, an arts administrator, a music teacher, a recording engineer, a folk musician, a music retailer, a child-life specialist, a disc jockey, and a vocalist. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1996.

**I Won't Let You Go: Selected Poems BR 11370**
by Rabindranath Tagore
3 volumes
English translations of selections by a Bengali poet who in 1913 was the first Indian to receive the Nobel Prize for literature. Expresses elements of his culture and philosophy and includes an introduction, notes, and a glossary to assist Western readers. 1991.

**The World Out There: Becoming Part of the Lesbian and Gay Community BR 11372**
by Michael Thomas Ford
2 volumes
The author presents a young adult's guide to understanding and becoming a part of the gay and lesbian community. Discusses dating, sex, music, information sources, and educational opportunities. Offers portraits of gay subcultures in major American cities. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

**Spineless Wonders: Strange Tales from the Invertebrate World BR 11379**
by Richard Conniff
2 volumes
Explores the bizarre world of invertebrates—spineless creatures that make up more than ninety-nine percent of all animals. Offers factual and humorous observations on flies, fire ants, leeches, worms, moths, squid, and more. Describes the devoted people who study these creatures. 1996.

**Lost in the System BR 11382**
by Charlotte Lopez
2 volumes
Lopez, who became Miss Teen USA in 1992, tells of spending her entire childhood in foster care after being taken as a toddler from a mother she describes as

mentally unbalanced. Although her sister is adopted by their foster parents, Lopez is seventeen before she is adopted by another couple. Some strong language. 1996.

**Wearing the Morning Star: Native American Song-Poems BR 11423**
edited by Brian Swann
2 volumes
A sample of Native North American song-poems, including an Inuit's song about the first airplane he ever saw, Navajo chantways, hunting songs, and lullabies. The introduction and notes provide background information and sources. 1996.

**Full of Beans BR 11435**
by Brooke Dojny
1 volume
Dojny describes various types of beans, debunks the old concept that beans have to be soaked overnight, and offers seventy-five recipes for appetizers, soups, salads, and main dishes—both with and without meat. 1996.

**Take Charge of Your Diabetes BR 11447**
by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
1 volume
A guide for people with adult-onset diabetes to help prevent complications. Describes potential problems and how to avoid them. Stresses the need to work with a healthcare team to control the blood glucose level. 1997.

**Alive Together: New and Selected Poems BR 11458**
by Lisel Mueller
2 volumes
Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for poetry. Includes works published over almost four decades as well as newer works. The poems celebrate the human capacity for love and joy, and the experience of family, music, and language. 1996.

**A Night to Remember BR 11461**
by Walter Lord
2 volumes
A detailed portrayal of what happened aboard the *Titanic* when it struck an iceberg and began to sink in the North Atlantic on April 14, 1912. Based on the accounts of the survivors, from first-class passengers to steerage and crew. Bestseller 1955.

**Birthday Letters BR 11462**
by Ted Hughes
1 volume
Thirty-five years after Sylvia Plath's suicide, her husband, Ted Hughes, responds with eighty-eight poems. Arranged chronologically, the poems depict their courtship, marriage, and an imagined sixtieth birthday reunion in her honor. Bestseller 1998.

**Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil: A Savannah Story BR 11463**
by John Berendt
3 volumes
In the 1980s, New Yorker Berendt began visiting Savannah, Georgia. Enchanted by the city and its inhabitants, he spent more and more time there. He introduces Savannah and the hodgepodge of friends he made, especially Jim Williams, an antique dealer active in the restoration of Savannah. He also discusses the murder on May 2, 1981, for which Williams went to trial—four times. Strong language. 1994.

**Reading between the Bones: The Pioneers of Dinosaur Paleontology BR 11477**
by Susan Clinton
1 volume
Profiles eight pioneers in the study of

dinosaurs and explains how scientific knowledge is cumulative. Clinton notes that dinosaurs were unknown until 1824, when Georges Cuvier identified the first dinosaur bone, describing it as belonging to a whale-sized lizard. Now three hundred kinds of dinosaurs are known to vertebrate paleontologists. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

# Adult Fiction

**Redburn: His First Voyage; Being the Sailor-boy Confessions and Reminiscences of the Son-of-a-Gentleman in the Merchant Service BR 11203**
by Herman Melville
4 volumes
Wellingborough Redburn makes his first voyage to Liverpool, where there is widespread poverty and a lack of democracy. He enjoys a wild excursion in London and faces a harrowing voyage home. Based on the author's first voyage in 1837. 1849.

**Suttree BR 11251**
by Cormac McCarthy
4 volumes
After serving time in the workhouse, young Suttree chooses a ramshackle houseboat on the Tennessee River instead of his family's conventional lifestyle. Drifting through the seamy side of Knoxville in the early 1950s, he encounters whores, petty thieves, and derelicts, but remains emotionally detached from his surroundings. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1979.

**She Came to Stay BR 11252**
by Simone de Beauvoir
4 volumes
Originally published in 1943 as *L'Invitée*. In Paris on the brink of World War II, two intellectuals try to establish intimacy with a newcomer. Françoise probes her feelings of love and jealousy when her long-term relationship with Pierre becomes threatened by Xavière, a younger woman. Xavière is determined to stay, regardless of the consequences. 1954.

**Straight Man BR 11294**
by Richard Russo
4 volumes
A week in the life of Hank Devereaux, interim chairman of a mediocre English department at West Central Pennsylvania University. He maintains a sense of humor as he deals with budget problems, paranoid colleagues, and family crises. Some strong language. 1997.

**Memory: A Vorkosigan Adventure BR 11295**
by Lois McMaster Bujold
4 volumes
The dual identity of Miles Vorkosigan as Admiral Naismith and Lord Miles is central to this adventure. After Naismith is ousted from the military, an assassination plot against Simon Illyan, security chief of the Barrayar empire, gives the Admiral's other identity, Lord Miles, a chance to prove his worth. Sequel to *Mirror Dance (BR 10665)*. 1996.

**Collected Stories BR 11296**
by Carson McCullers
4 volumes
Short stories from the southern writer including "The Member of the Wedding" and "The Ballad of the Sad Café," which are considered McCullers's best

works. Many of the stories are autobiographical and feature southerners, either at home or transplanted to the north. Some violence and some strong language. 1987.

**An Independent Woman BR 11309**
by Howard Fast
3 volumes
Barbara Lavette, matriarch of a diverse California family, writes columns for her ex-husband's newspaper. After being robbed in her home, Barbara refuses to prosecute her assailant, believing him a victim of society, and instead tries to rehabilitate him. Shortly after, while planning a family wedding, Barbara unexpectedly falls in love with the minister, Philip Carter. 1997.

**My Ántonia BR 11320**
by Willa Cather
3 volumes
A lawyer recalls his Nebraska boyhood and the girl who was a strong influence on his life in this novel about pioneering conditions and the assimilation of immigrants. Contains a historical essay by James Woodress that describes the origin, writing, and reception of the book. 1918.

**The Knotted Strings BR 11332**
by Jake Page
2 volumes
A movie of the Pueblo Rebellion of 1680 is being shot on the reservation, but some of the Native Americans are unhappy. Blind sculptor Mo Bowdre, whose Hopi girlfriend has a small part in the film, becomes involved when the leading man and the agent who leased the land to Hollywood are murdered. Strong language and some violence. 1995.

**Caprice BR 11361**
by Ronald Firbank
1 volume
Sally Sinquier, a provincial clergyman's daughter, steals from her family in order to pursue her dream of becoming an actress. After fleeing to London, she discovers a new world, both complex and humorous. 1917.

**Sketches from a Hunter's Album BR 11373**
by Ivan Turgenev
4 volumes
Short stories by the Russian novelist who was born in 1818 and died in 1883. His work is noted for the poetic atmosphere of country settings, the contrast between hero and heroine, and the objective portrayal of heroes who represent the development of the Russian intelligentsia. A hatred of injustice marks all his writings. 1990.

**Seedfolks BR 11416**
by Paul Fleischman
1 volume
A story about how people of different nationalities help a Vietnamese girl transform a trash-filled vacant lot into a community garden and how friendships developed among the gardeners. Grade 1 braille. 1997.

**Blood Kin: Seth Strummar Series, Book 1 BR 11426**
by Elizabeth Fackler
2 volumes
In Texas in the 1880s, sixteen-year-old Johanna Devery is forced to work in her stepfather's bordello after she refuses to marry Beau Olwell, the man who brutally raped her. She escapes and falls for hired killer Seth Strummar, who is returning to El Paso on a mission of vengeance. Prequel to *Backtrail*

*(BR 11430)*. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. 1991.

**Scarlett: The Sequel to Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind*  BR 11428**
by Alexandra Ripley
7 volumes
Continues the saga of Scarlett O'Hara which began in Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind (BR 11427)*. Scarlett returns to Tara after Melanie's funeral, but then makes her way to Ireland where she struggles to get Rhett Butler back into her life. The author was chosen by Mitchell's heirs to write the sequel. Bestseller 1991.

**Backtrail: Seth Strummar Series, Book 2  BR 11430**
by Elizabeth Fackler
2 volumes
Western gunman Seth Strummar may have had a reason to kill, but he is now an outlaw with a price on his head. He flees after arranging an escort to safety for his young wife, but she is kidnapped and he again seeks revenge. Sequel to *Blood Kin (BR 11426)*. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

**I'll Be Seeing You  BR 11441**
by Lurlene McDaniel
1 volume
Carley Mattea is in the hospital yet again when Kyle Westin is admitted. Kyle has been temporarily blinded by a chemistry experiment gone awry, so he cannot tell that Carley's face has been disfigured by cancer. Kyle falls in love with the Carley he knows, but she is determined that he will never see her after he recovers. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

**The Ornament Tree  BR 11448**
by Jean Thesman
2 volumes
Orphaned at fourteen, Bonnie Shaster goes to live with her mother's female relatives in Seattle in 1918. They welcome her, even though they, too, have fallen on hard times and are forced to take in boarders—including a young man blinded in the Great War. An ornament tree, which grants secret wishes, helps Bonnie settle into her unusual new home. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Fire on the Wind  BR 11449**
by Linda Crew
1 volume
In the summer of 1933, the loggers of Oregon are facing fire threats and work shutdowns. Meanwhile, Storie has completed eighth grade and is confused about her future. Her mother wants her to go to high school in town and become something other than a logger's wife, but her father wants her to be a camp cook. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**Witches' Brew  BR 11451**
by Terry Brooks
2 volumes
Ben Holiday, High Lord of the Magic Kingdom of Landover, is challenged by King Rydall of Marnhull for mastery of the realm. And Ben cannot refuse to do battle with the champions that Rydall sends against him, because Ben's daughter has been abducted through a witch's magic, and Rydall holds the key to her fate. Sequel to *The Tangle Box (BR 11179)*. 1995.

**The Masterharper of Pern BR 11464**
by Anne McCaffrey
4 volumes
Child prodigy Robinton, born at Harper Hall, is popular among the harpers, who teach the culture of Pern through their music. But the harpers are losing credibility because the dreaded Thread has not fallen for centuries. And in the north, the hatred of Robinton is growing. Falls between *Dragonflight (BR 5797)* and *Dragonsdawn (BR 7601)*. 1998.

**You Can't Get There from Here BR 11478**
by Earl Hamner Jr.
2 volumes
Sixteen-year-old Wes tells of a day spent combing New York in search of his father. As he recalls incidents of family life and various friends and relatives from Virginia, the juxtaposition of easy Southern country ways with the hectic pace of New York makes a droll contrast. 1965.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Children's Nonfiction

**Market! BR 11026**
by Ted Lewin
1 volume
A look at how people from all over the world come to marketplaces. Some walk barefoot, some ride on horses or donkeys, some come in dugout canoes or by city subway. They bring with them what they grow, catch, or make, so they can buy what other people bring with them. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1996.

**Animals on the Inside: A Book of Discovery and Learning BR 11238**
by Andrés Llamas Ruiz
2 volumes
Illustrates and describes the anatomy of a variety of animals, including insects, fish, reptiles, birds, mammals, and dinosaurs. Explains the functions of the elephant's trunk, the kangaroo's pouch, and the camel's hump. For grades 4-7. 1994.

**On My Own: The Journey Continues BR 11394**
by Sally Hobart Alexander
1 volume
After going blind at twenty-four, as told in *Taking Hold: My Journey into Blindness (BR 10223)*, Alexander describes also losing part of her hearing. Determined to be independent and self-sufficient, she recounts her fears and difficulties adjusting to a new apartment, finding a job, and meeting the right man. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1997.

**Earth Always Endures: Native American Poems BR 11399**
by Neil Philip
1 volume
A collection of sixty poems from various Native American groups. Concise, eloquent phrases convey a respect for nature and for human qualities. Many reveal the spiritual aspects of tribal life. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1996.

**Lives of the Athletes: Thrills, Spills (and What the Neighbors Thought) BR 11431**
by Kathleen Krull
1 volume
Portraits of twenty well-known athletes, filled with information about their childhood and how they handled fame and fortune. Includes Jim Thorpe, Babe Ruth, Sonja Henie, Jackie Robinson, Arthur Ashe, and Bruce Lee. For grades 3-6. 1997.

**Lives of the Musicians: Good Times, Bad Times (and What the Neighbors Thought) BR 11474**
by Kathleen Krull
1 volume
Lively portraits of twenty well-known composers and musicians, filled with anecdotes and amusing facts. Included are Bach, Verdi, Clara Schumann, Foster, Joplin, Gershwin, and Guthrie. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1993.

**Lives of the Writers: Comedies, Tragedies (and What the Neighbors Thought) BR 11475**
by Kathleen Krull
1 volume
Features the stories of twenty writers, ranging from Hans Christian Andersen to E.B. White. In addition to biographical information, sketches of authors include details about their work habits and newsy tidbits such as whom they loved, what they wore, what they read, and what would make them laugh. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1994.

**Dinosaur Ghosts: The Mystery of Coelophysis BR 11489**
by J. Lynett Gillette
1 volume
Gillette provides background information about a New Mexico site where hundreds of fossils of Coelophysis (a dog-sized dinosaur) are located. She presents various hypotheses regarding the occurrence of this mass grave and analyzes each to determine the most probable explanation. For grades 3-6. 1997.

**Where the Sidewalk Ends: The Poems and Drawings of Shel Silverstein BR 11502**
by Shel Silverstein
1 volume
A collection of 127 madcap poems. Subjects include acrobats, Band-Aids, dancing pants, and sleeping sardines. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1974.

# Children's Fiction

**Amanda Pig, Schoolgirl BR 11019**
by Jean Van Leeuwen
1 volume
Amanda Pig has been waiting to start school her whole life. When the day finally arrives, she is very happy and excited. But the little pig sitting next to her on the bus does not seem happy at all, and Amanda Pig is determined to cheer her up. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1997.

**Hosni, the Dreamer: An Arabian Tale BR 11021**
by Ehud Ben-Ezer
1 volume
In this folktale, a shy, but very independent, young shepherd fulfills his dream of traveling to the city. Hosni spends all his money to buy a verse from a wise man in the market. The older shepherds make fun of Hosni, but soon his understanding of the verse saves him from disaster. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 1997.

**An Angel Just like Me BR 11029**
by Mary Hoffman
1 volume
The family's angel ornament for the Christmas tree is broken when it is unwrapped. Tyler asks his mother if any angels look like him, a boy with brown skin. His mother doesn't know, so Tyler spends his afternoons shopping unsuccessfully for one. On Christmas morning, a special present comes for Tyler—a carved angel that looks just like him. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1997.

**The Rough-Face Girl BR 11031**
by Rafe Martin
1 volume
This Algonquin Indian folktale is a variation on the Cinderella story. The two beautiful older sisters are mean to the Rough-Face Girl. But her inner beauty gives her an advantage when all three want to marry the Invisible Being. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1992.

**Bearskin BR 11032**
by Howard Pyle
1 volume
A resourceful young man raised by a mother bear with magical powers unwittingly fulfills a prophecy when he champions a princess and slays a three-headed dragon. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1997.

**Belle Prater's Boy BR 11318**
by Ruth White
1 volume
When twelve-year-old Woodrow Prater's mother, Belle, mysteriously vanishes from the family's Appalachian shack, Woodrow moves into town to live with his grandparents. Beautiful next-door cousin Gypsy first seeks to discover cross-eyed Woodrow's secret and then comes to respect him for who he is. For grades 5-8. Newbery Honor Book. 1996.

**Little Town on the Prairie BR 11326**
by Laura Ingalls Wilder
2 volumes
In 1881 Mary, who is blind, is finally able to leave for college, and Laura gets a job in town helping a seamstress. She also continues her schooling so she can receive her teaching certificate. Sequel to *The Long Winter (BR 11325)*. For grades 4-7. 1941.

**These Happy Golden Years BR 11327**
by Laura Ingalls Wilder
2 volumes
Laura Ingalls and Almanzo Wilder, the town's most eligible bachelor, enjoy a delightful romance while Laura teaches school. When her last term ends, they marry and look forward to a long and happy life together. Sequel to *Little Town on the Prairie (BR 11326)*. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1943.

**Lone Wolf BR 11338**
by Kristine L. Franklin
1 volume
Since his baby sister died and his mother

moved out three years ago, Perry Dubois, now eleven, and his father have lived alone in the woods. When a large family buys the land where Perry's secret cave is, he despairs of ever sighting the wolf he's been hearing. But he finds an unlikely friend in the family's oldest girl. For grades 4-7. 1997.

**Family Tree BR 11363**
by Katherine Ayres
1 volume
When sixth-grader Tyler Stoudt gets an assignment to create a family tree, her heart sinks. Her widowed father won't talk about his own family or her mother's, so Tyler has no idea who her relatives are. For grades 3-6. 1996.

**Countdown BR 11378**
by Ben Mikaelsen
2 volumes
NASA has selected Elliot to be the first junior astronaut. While in space he talks on shortwave radio to people on earth, including Vincent, a Masai youth. Elliot and Vincent argue about their different beliefs and customs but finally realize that differences do not have to be barriers to friendship. Some violence. For grades 5-8. 1996.

**Search for the Shadowman BR 11385**
by Joan Lowery Nixon
1 volume
When twelve-year-old Andy Thomas interviews his relatives for a family history assignment, he discovers a long-hidden scandal. Generations before, his ancestor Coley Joe Bonner supposedly ran away with his father's money. Andy's great-aunt refuses to discuss it, but after seeing a photo of Coley, Andy is determined to clear Coley's name. For grades 3-6. 1996.

**The Dancing Fox: Arctic Folktales BR 11387**
edited by John Bierhorst
1 volume
A collection of eighteen folktales from Alaska, Canada, and Greenland. In these ancient tales, animals can take human form and magic often plays a role. The stories highlight Inuit traditions and express the human experiences of death, hunger, sadness, and joy. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1997.

**Purely Rosie Pearl BR 11390**
by Patricia A. Cochrane
1 volume
In 1936, Rosie Pearl, twelve, and her family have been migrant workers since the Great Depression forced them to sell the family farm. Her new friendship with Maggie, who at first seems "too snooty to be a picker," helps Rosie Pearl through a summer of tough times. For grades 5-8. 1996.

**Meet Josefina: An American Girl BR 11391**
by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
In 1824 nine-year-old Josefina lives with her father and three sisters on a rancho near Santa Fe, New Mexico. The girls try hard to take care of things the way Mamá did before she died the previous year. When their grandfather comes for a visit, they are surprised by the guest he brings—Tía Dolores, their mother's sister. Prequel to *Josefina Learns a Lesson (BR 11392)*. For grades 2-4. 1997.

**Josefina Learns a Lesson: A School Story BR 11392**
by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
Tía Dolores has returned to help Jose-

fina and her sisters learn how to do many of the things their mother would have taught them. But one of Josefina's sisters is afraid that learning new things, like reading and writing, will make them forget Mamá. Sequel to *Meet Josefina (BR 11391)*. For grades 2-4. 1997.

**Josefina's Surprise: A Christmas Story BR 11393**
by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
Christmas is near and Josefina, her sisters, and their aunt are getting ready. It has been a year since the girls lost their mother, and they hope this Christmas will be a little happier. But when they take out the altar cloth their mother made, they find it has been ruined by the flood earlier in the year. Sequel to *Josefina Learns a Lesson (BR 11392)*. For grades 2-4. 1997.

**Stargone John BR 11396**
by Ellen Kindt McKenzie
1 volume
From the first day Liza's little brother, John, joins her in the one-room schoolhouse, he is in trouble. Their teacher whacks him for being "stargone"—unresponsive to his lessons. In desperation Liza takes him to her retired teacher, who is now blind. Soon John begins amazing his classmates. For grades 3-6. 1990.

**The Music of Dolphins BR 11397**
by Karen Hesse
1 volume
An adolescent girl is captured by the Coast Guard, separating her from the dolphin family that raised her. Believing they rescued her, doctors name her Mila, for "miracle," and try to teach her human skills. But Mila misses her dolphin family and longs for her home in the warm sea. She questions the wisdom of the doctors and whose life is better. For grades 5-8. 1996.

**Sun and Spoon BR 11400**
by Kevin Henkes
1 volume
After the death of his beloved grandmother, ten-year-old Spoon pockets Gram's special deck of solitaire cards as a keepsake. When his grandfather becomes nostalgic and searches for the missing cards, Spoon returns the deck in exchange for another memento with a very special meaning. For grades 4-7. 1997.

**The Friends BR 11432**
by Kazumi Yumoto
1 volume
Three Japanese sixth-grade boys who are longtime friends decide to find out about death. They hear about an old man who is supposed to die any day, and they decide to spy on him. But their original plan slowly changes after the old man discovers them stalking him. For grades 5-8. 1996.

**The Schernoff Discoveries BR 11442**
by Gary Paulsen
1 volume
Science whiz Harold Schernoff and his best friend, both fourteen years old, are the most unpopular students in their Minnesota junior high school. Harold devises schemes to boost their popularity, but the plans usually backfire. When members of the football team break his slide rule, Harold takes revenge by making them a unique chocolate cake. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**The Window BR 11455**
by Jeanette Ingold
1 volume
Fifteen-year-old Mandy is blinded in a

car accident that took the life of her mother. Sent to live with unknown great-uncles and -aunts, Mandy elects to attend the local high school. With the help of voices from the past, Mandy learns to understand and accept her new family. For grades 6-9. 1996.

**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory BR 11466**
by Roald Dahl
1 volume
Five children win a coveted tour of Mr. Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory. Four of the children meet disaster at their own hands, but a deserving boy wins both the day and the factory. For grades 4-7. 1964.

**Fudge-a-mania BR 11468**
by Judy Blume
1 volume
The Tubmans and Hatchers are sharing a summer home in Maine, throwing together five-year-old Fudge, his older brother Peter, and Peter's archenemy Sheila "Queen of Cooties" Tubman for three long weeks. Mayhem becomes the order of the day as children, adults, and pets find themselves in one predicament after another. Companion to *Superfudge (BR 11448)* and *Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great (BR 11472)*. For grades 3-6. 1990.

**Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing BR 11471**
by Judy Blume
1 volume
Peter finds his two-year-old brother, Fudge, an ever-increasing problem as the child proceeds to get lost at the movies and eats Peter's pet turtle. For grades 3-5. 1972.

**Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great BR 11472**
by Judy Blume
1 volume
Although Sheila pretends to be knowledgeable, witty, and afraid of nothing, she secretly fears dogs, spiders, pools, thunder, ghosts, and the dark. A summer away from home brings out all her fears. For grades 4-7. 1972.

**Out of the Dark BR 11476**
by Welwyn Wilton Katz
2 volumes
After his mother is killed, Ben's family moves to his father's Newfoundland boyhood home. Ben's younger brother makes friends with the local boys, but Ben avoids them, escaping into the fantasy world of the nearby Viking settlement, armed with stories his mother had told him. For grades 6-9. 1996.

**The Underground: Animorphs, Volume 17 BR 11495**
by K.A. Applegate
2 volumes
Rachel and her four friends are able to morph into any animal. They are all flying around as large birds when Rachel telepathically directs them to catch a man jumping from a building. It appears the man's brain has been invaded by Yeerks. Rachel plots to destroy the Yeerks with an ordinary breakfast food, but it is a risky, dangerous venture. For grades 4-7. 1998.

**The Polar Express BR 12001**
by Chris Van Allsburg
1 volume
On a dark Christmas Eve, a boy boards a mysterious train, the Polar Express, hoping to visit Santa Claus. He and the other children, still in their nightclothes, drink hot chocolate and sing carols as

the train races through snowy landscapes toward a huge city at the North Pole. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3 and older readers. Caldecott Medal. 1985.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Conundrum** (British monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])
**Harper's** (literary; monthly)
**Health Newsletters** (includes **Harvard Health Letter, Mayo Clinic Health Letter,** and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter;** monthly)
**Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine** (monthly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Martha Stewart Living** (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
**Muse** (for children; 6 issues)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**The *New York Times* Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
**PC World** (personal computing; monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
**Rolling Stone** (popular culture; 26 issues)
**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)
**Short Stories** (British monthly)
**Spider: The Magazine for Children** (monthly)
**Sport** (monthly)
**Stone Soup** (children's writings; 5 issues)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)
**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

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# In Brief

## Newsstand

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**Braille magazine focuses on community and home life.** *Dialogue: A World of Ideas for Visually Impaired People of All Ages* is a quarterly journal that features information about techniques blind and visually impaired people use to manage their home and community lives. Written by people who are blind or visually impaired, articles in *Dialogue* cover topics such as technology, cooking, gardening, coping with sight loss, organizing, parenting, travel, recreation, writing, and many other activities. It is available in braille, large-print, diskette, and cassette formats. The annual subscription/donation rate is $28 for legally blind readers. For information and a sample copy, contact Blindskills, Inc., P.O. Box 5181, Salem, OR 97304-0181, or call 800-860-4224; web site address is www.teleport.com/~blindskl; and e-mail is blindskl@teleport.com.

**New books from Seedlings.** Seedlings Braille Books for Children announces availability of its 1999 catalog listing over 330 low-cost braille books for children. Thirty-seven new books have been added this year, including print-braille-and-picture books for preschoolers, such as Clifford's *Furry Friends*, and a musical board book of *Frosty the Snowman*; print-and-

braille easy-readers for beginning readers, such as *Arthur's Pet Business*; and Newbery Award winners for older children, such as *Julie of the Wolves* and *A Wrinkle in Time*. There are also books from the Dear America and American Girls Collection series. Seedlings is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing high-quality, low-cost braille books for children. For more information, check Seedling's web page at its new address, www.seedlings.org. To receive a free catalog, call 800-777-8552 or write to Seedlings, P.O. Box 51924, Livonia, MI 48151-5924; e-mail: seedlink@aol.com.

The following information is reprinted from *Talking Book Topics,* January–February 1999.

## Letter from National Advisory Group

The members of the National Advisory Group on Collection Building Activities wish to thank their fellow patrons and librarians for their input on the NLS program. Please be assured that your ideas and suggestions were thoroughly discussed and incorporated into the recommendations that the committee made during its deliberations in September. Copies of recommendations from the meeting and NLS responses to the suggestions are available upon request by writing to Consumer Relations, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, DC 20542 or by e-mail to nls@loc.gov. Please indicate whether you prefer large-print, audio cassette, or braille format.

The group meets again at NLS on May 19–21, 1999. Please continue to assist us by contacting committee members or your cooperating library with your suggestions. Certain suggestions, such as the addition of a recommended book, are time-consuming to implement because of the many production and quality-checking steps in the audio recording and brailling processes. Do not let these time constraints discourage you from forwarding your comments. Input from readers is a key ingredient in the success of our program. The NLS National Advisory Group represents you.

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## New Catalog of Recorded Books Published

A new large-print catalog listing books recorded by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) will soon be available to readers. *Cassette Books 1998* describes cassette books for adults produced by NLS during the past year. The catalog lists books by subject categories and includes forms for ordering selections. Later this year, *Cassette Books* will also be produced on flexible disc. It will be available on loan at a later date.

## Student Financial Assistance

An audio publication giving information on academic financial assistance for disabled students for the 1999–2000 school year is now available from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education. The recording is in the form of a conversation between a disabled student and a counselor from the department's Federal Student Aid Information Center. In their dialog, the student and the specialist discuss federal financial aid programs and also talk about state and private sources of funds for eligible students.

For a cassette or compact-disc copy of the publication, write Student Aid Audio Guide, Federal Student Aid In-

formation Center, P.O. Box 84, Washington, DC 20044-0084.

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***Ramayana* on cassette.** An unabridged audio edition of the first two books of the Indian epic about the heroic Prince Rama is now available. The ninth-century saga is contained on fourteen cassettes and costs $98 plus shipping. For more information, contact Vedic Audio Knowledge, 306 E. Madison, Fairfield, IA 52556, telephone 888-867-4396.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Adult Nonfiction

**Eyewitness to America: 500 Years of America in the Words of Those Who Saw It Happen BR 11183**
edited by David Colbert
7 volumes
A collection of firsthand reports on pivotal events in American history. These authentic accounts convey the urgency and attitudes of their times concerning significant issues and themes in American life from 1492 through 1994. Bestseller 1997.

**U.S.A. Cookbook BR 11227**
by Sheila Lukins
8 volumes
The author spent three years traveling across the country collecting these recipes and tidbits of information about some of America's favorite foods. The origin of the term "blue plate special" and what seasonings to use with various beans are just two examples of the fare Lukins offers. She also includes beer and wine suggestions from Steve Olson. 1997.

**From the Outer World BR 11330**
edited by Oscar and Lilian Handlin
5 volumes
Recounts the perceptions and views of non-European visitors to the United States during the twentieth century. A variety of writers, students, and diplomats give "outside" perspectives on social and economic structures and problems in America. Strong language and violence. 1997.

**Music Was Not Enough BR 11365**
by Bob Wilber
3 volumes
Bob Wilber writes of his up-and-down career as a jazz clarinetist, saxophonist, and arranger. Although he achieved fame early as a bandleader and student of Sidney Bechet in the 1940s, he spent many years in obscurity. Wilbur's reminiscences about his life with the greats of jazz from Dixieland to swing covers nearly forty years. 1987.

**Golf in the Kingdom BR 11383**
by Michael Murphy
2 volumes
Murphy describes a phenomenal day and night in 1956 when, en route to India, he stopped off in Scotland to play a round of golf. There he met and played with golf professional Shivas Irons, who altered Murphy's perceptions, leaving him shaken and exalted. Murphy relates the Oriental transcendental ideas Irons imparted

to him. Prequel to *The Kingdom of Shivas Irons (BR 11384)*. 1972.

**The Kingdom of Shivas Irons BR 11384**
by Michael Murphy
3 volumes
In this sequel to *Golf in the Kingdom (BR 11383)*, Murphy returns to Scotland in search of guru golfer Shivas Irons. Hoping to discover the secrets of transcendent golf and the "life to come," Murphy encounters a series of people who enlighten him in the ways of the game as well as spiritually. Best-seller 1997.

**April Twilights (1903): Poems BR 11388**
by Willa Cather
1 volume
Originally published in 1903, this volume of poetry is renowned novelist Willa Cather's first book. These thirty-seven poems contain some lines that became well known, such as "I sought the wood in winter/When every leaf was dead" and "Grandmother, think not I forget . . ." Many poems reflect Cather's interest in nature. This edition contains an introduction by Bernice Slote. 1968.

**Baseball at War: World War II and the Fall of the Color Line BR 11404**
by Thomas Gilbert
1 volume
A history of the sport of baseball from 1940 through 1948. Includes personalities such as Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams and such events as the desegregation of the sport. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

**From the Field: A Collection of Writings from *National Geographic* BR 11429**
edited by Charles McCarry
5 volumes
Seventy-five articles selected from the popular magazine's 109-year existence. Although heavily illustrated, the periodical contains scholarly articles about the planet and its people. Contributors include Theodore Roosevelt, Charles Lindberg, Maya Angelou, Tad Szulc, and Shelby Foote. 1997.

**The New Oxford Book of Children's Verse BR 11433**
edited by Neil Philip
4 volumes
An anthology of some 350 children's poems by more than 200 English-language poets arranged in chronological order from the eighteenth through the twentieth centuries. For adults to share with children. 1996.

**Finding Our Way: The Teen Girls' Survival Guide BR 11434**
by Allison Abner and Linda Villarosa
4 volumes
Advice for teenaged girls on such issues as learning to like and care for their changing bodies, being sexually responsible, and coping with and enjoying family members and friends. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**Otherwise: New and Selected Poems BR 11437**
by Jane Kenyon
1 volume
Kenyon made these selections to be included in her last book shortly before her death. They include twenty of her more recent poems and favorite choices from four earlier collections. She imparts a special meaning to the everyday objects and events she describes. Donald Hall, her husband, writes an afterword. 1996.

**Building Basic Skills in Reading: Book 1 BR 11456**
read by 2 volumes
A self-paced guide for helping students

of adult literacy master sentence structure, parts of speech, grammar and usage, and punctuation and spelling, as well as statements involving cause and effect and the use of inference. Provides a pretest, individual lessons, and review exercises, followed by a posttest. 1988.

**The Gift of Tongues: Twenty-Five Years of Poetry from Copper Canyon Press**
**BR 11465**
edited by Sam Hamill
3 volumes
In this anniversary anthology, editor Sam Hamill has selected nearly 300 poems by Copper Canyon Press poets. The sampling is arranged alphabetically by poet's name and includes Hayden Carruth, Carolyn Kizer, and Pablo Neruda. Hamill's introduction covers the history of the press and its "commitment to publishing poetry exclusively." 1996.

**Viral Sex: The Nature of AIDS**
**BR 11473**
by Jaap Goudsmit
3 volumes
A history of the AIDS epidemic by a leading researcher in the field. Tracing the origins of the virus from ancient times and its transfer from animals to humans in the twentieth century, the author maintains that disruptions of Africa's rain forests led to the global spread of the disease. He also speculates about the possible development of a vaccine against AIDS. 1997.

**Leon's Story BR 11493**
by Leon Walter Tillage
1 volume
An autobiographical account of an African American sharecropper's son growing up in rural North Carolina during the 1940s and 1950s. Tillage recalls the racial cruelties he experienced—the worst was seeing his father run down by a white youth. He then tells how the freedom marches affirmed his identity. Some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

**Music, the Brain, and Ecstasy: How Music Captures Our Imagination**
**BR 11504**
by Robert Jourdain
4 volumes
Using science, psychology, and philosophy, the author explains the evolution of sound in humans and the meaning of music. Uses historical anecdotes and different examples of common musical themes to explain the way music gives pleasure. 1997.

**Clone: The Road to Dolly and the Path Ahead BR 11508**
by Gina Kolata
3 volumes
A scientist discusses technological and ethical implications of cloning—the production of a living creature from genetic material. She describes the 1996 birth of a sheep named Dolly—allegedly the first cloned creature—as the beginning of a new scientific era, in which the question immediately arises, "should humans be cloned?" 1998.

**Selected Poems, 1960–1990 BR 11511**
by Maxine Kumin
2 volumes
The 1973 Pulitzer Prize winner presents pieces from nine volumes spanning thirty years. Her poems speak of nature, animals, and people both dead and alive. Kumin also broaches topics of the soul and religion. 1997.

**The Night Lives On BR 11542**
by Walter Lord
2 volumes
In a companion volume to *A Night to Remember (BR 11461)*, Lord revisits the tragedy of April 14, 1912, and offers an update of what happened to the *Titanic* and its passengers. The discovery of the hull in 1985 brought with it a renewed interest, and Lord responds to some of the questions that arose by separating facts from myths. Bestseller 1987.

# Adult Fiction

**The Adolescent BR 11248**
by Fyodor Dostoevsky
6 volumes
First published in Russian in 1874. Nineteen-year-old Arkady Dolgoruky completes school but refuses to go on to university. Instead, he goes to St. Petersburg in search of his father. The illegitimate son of an idealistic landowner and the gardener's wife, Arkady has trouble determining where he belongs in Russian society. 1971.

**The Strand BR 11335**
by Ellen Vaughn
2 volumes
On their tenth wedding anniversary, Anne and Paul Lorelli are walking along the Potomac River when a mugger confronts them and kills Paul. Anne finds some solace in volunteer work with inner-city kids—quite a departure from her life as a wealthy attorney's wife. Meanwhile, a D.C. homicide detective puzzles over the mugging. Some violence. 1997.

**Blind Faith BR 11337**
by Judith Pella
3 volumes
Irene Lorenzo's faith has been tested as a result of her divorce from Greg Mitchell. Now Joel Costain, a blind lawyer, has approached Irene seeking information about Greg, who claimed to be Joel's brother and has now died under mysterious circumstances. As the two search for answers, Irene begins to regain her faith. 1996.

**Ficciones BR 11366**
by Jorge Luis Borges
2 volumes
The collection's first part, called "The Garden of Forking Paths," contains eight short stories published in Spanish in 1941. Part two, entitled "Artifices," has nine stories published in 1944. The introduction by John Sturrock provides background information on Borges and on the stories. 1956.

**A Wild, Cold State BR 11367**
by Debra Monroe
2 volumes
Stories about the lives of six neighbors in rural Wisconsin beginning when they are teenagers. Through the years they meet, marry, drift off, and reenter each other's lives. The recurring theme is of women in search of their ideal partner in life. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1995.

**Without Lawful Authority BR 11368**
by Manning Coles
2 volumes
Tommy Hambledon, a British foreign intelligence agent, is searching for German spies in his homeland. Warnford, a disgraced British army officer who was framed and forced to resign, enlists the help of a professional burglar, Marden,

to help him expose his enemies. Together the three uncover a Nazi cell on the eve of World War II. 1943.

**Train Whistle Guitar BR 11386**
by Albert Murray
2 volumes
Growing up in the 1920s deep South is an adventure to Scooter and his friends. Listening to the storytelling of family and friends and the guitar playing of Luzana Cholly encourages Scooter to get out into the world and move up North, where there are all sorts of possibilities. Prequel to *The Spyglass Tree (BR 11742)*. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1974.

**The Amazon Papers BR 11403**
by Beverly Keller
1 volume
Fifteen-year-old Iris gets a lot of grief from her aunt and her mother for spending too much time on philosophy and sports and none on a social life. But when left alone with her cousin's small boys while her mother is on vacation, Iris develops a crush on an older guy that leads to disaster after disaster—including ruining her mother's car. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

***What She Said: And What She Meant* and *People Who Haven't Time and Can't Afford It* BR 11409**
by Isabella Alden
1 volume
Alden, the aunt of writer Grace Livingston Hill, wrote novellas in the nineteenth century. Here she illustrates how a person of good character should behave. In "What She Said . . . ," a gossip is shown just how harmful her behavior is, and in "People Who Haven't Time . . . ," neighbors are reminded of their charitable obligations. 1997.

**A Gown of Spanish Lace BR 11414**
by Janette Oke
2 volumes
Ariana Benson, a religious young schoolteacher, never knew her birth mother. But she does have her mother's wedding dress—a gown of imported Spanish lace. Laramie Lawrence, the adopted son of an outlaw boss, didn't know his mother either. Thrust together through unusual circumstances, they eventually fall in love and plan to marry. But when Ariana brings out her mother's gown, it appears she and Laramie may be siblings. 1995.

**Nightfall BR 11415**
by David Goodis
2 volumes
Commercial artist Jim Vanning is on the run, pursued by ruthless people who believe he is sitting on a cache of money from a bank robbery. Before the worst happens, New York police detective Fraser locates Vanning and helps him get to the bottom of his plight. 1947.

**The Morning and the Evening BR 11417**
by Joan Williams
2 volumes
Forty-year-old Jake Darby, who is mute and lives with his mother, is considered "not quite right in the head" by his Mississippi neighbors, who subject the disabled man to ridicule and cruel jokes. Jake's mother dies, tragedy strikes, and the townspeople come to regard Jake in a new light. 1961.

**Heart of Darkness BR 11418**
by Joseph Conrad
4 volumes
An allegorical tale of a man's journey by steamboat to the center of the Congo. As he penetrates the forbidding interior, he faces an increasing propen-

sity for inhumanity in himself and in others. Includes a number of critical essays on the story. 1996.

**The Giant's House: A Romance BR 11421**
by Elizabeth McCracken
2 volumes
In 1950 young librarian Peggy Cort meets James Sweatt. Although only eleven years old, he is already extremely tall. As they become friends and fall in love during the next nine years, James grows taller and taller, until he is 8-feet, 7-inches tall and weighs 415 pounds. 1996.

**Soul Kiss BR 11440**
by Shay Youngblood
2 volumes
In 1968, seven-year-old Mariah's beloved mother drops her off unannounced at the home of two great-aunts in Georgia and doesn't come back. As Mariah grows up, she struggles with her grief and maintains her hope that her mother will return, but gradually becomes family with the two older women. Then her father enters her life. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

**Scam BR 11459**
by Parnell Hall
2 volumes
Cranston Pritchert, a new client of New York PI Stanley Hastings, claims his partners set him up to lose control of an investment firm by having a woman get him drunk in a bar. When Hastings uncovers evidence that Pritchert himself arranged for the woman's involvement, the investigator begins to suspect that he, too, is being duped. Strong language. 1997.

**Saint Leibowitz and the Wild Horse Woman BR 11460**
by Walter M. Miller
4 volumes
Almost forty years after *A Canticle for Leibowitz (BR 8614)*, Miller continues the story of good versus evil, now in the thirty-second century. The Catholic church is still under siege by nomads, Imperial Texark, and other fiefdoms. Brother Blacktooth travels with Cardinal Brownpony to try to appease the warring forces. Some violence. 1997.

**Omoo: Adventures in the South Seas BR 11467**
by Herman Melville
3 volumes
When a British whaler rescues Melville, an American sailor, he and the ship's doctor become fast friends. They share many adventures in the South Pacific: mutiny, imprisonment, and a beachcombing existence in Tahiti. 1847.

**Family Album BR 11469**
by Danielle Steel
4 volumes
A melodrama of the enduring love between the talented movie star-director, Fay Price, and the playboy shipping heir, Ward Thayer, as well as the growing pains of their five children. Includes the grit and glitter of Hollywood life from the war years of the 1940s to the 1980s. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1985.

**The Town BR 11470**
by William Faulkner
3 volumes
More members of the Snopes family have moved to Jefferson, Mississippi, increasing the clan. Determined to own the county, Flem Snopes maneuvers his family to run businesses and farm the

land. Sequel to *The Hamlet (BR 11482)*. Some strong language. 1957.

**The Hamlet BR 11482**
by William Faulkner
3 volumes
Portrait of a decaying South after the Civil War set in a fictional county in Mississippi. The story deals with the shrewd Snopes family, one of the author's notable creations. Prequel to *The Town (BR 11470)*. Some strong language. 1931.

**The Outsiders BR 11484**
by S.E. Hinton
2 volumes
This young adult classic is set in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Fourteen-year-old Ponyboy tells how it looks and feels to be a Greaser from the wrong side of the tracks. He describes the guerrilla raids into Greaser territory by their upper-middle-class enemy, the Socs, and the beating that led to a murder charge and two deaths. For junior and senior high readers. 1967.

**Blood and Chocolate BR 11486**
by Annette Curtis Klause
2 volumes
A beautiful teenage werewolf, Vivian, is attracted to a normal human, Aiden, but Aiden's rejection of Vivian's dual nature almost kills her. Vivian is then forced to come to terms with her position in the pack and to accept her destiny. Some violence, some descriptions of sex, and some strong language. For senior high readers. 1997.

**Tallgrass BR 11501**
by Don Coldsmith
4 volumes
Seven stories tracing the history of the Kansas prairie from the first Native American encounters with the Spanish to the early nineteenth century. Each story includes a historical afterword. Some descriptions of sex. 1997.

**Loving Chloe BR 11503**
by Jo-Ann Mapson
3 volumes
In this sequel to *Hank and Chloe (BR 9739)*, Chloe appears on Hank's doorstep in northern Arizona. She's pregnant by him and ready to settle down, until meeting Navajo jewelry designer Junior Whitebear shakes her resolve. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1998.

**The Case Has Altered BR 11505**
by Martha Grimes
3 volumes
On her way back to the Fengate estate from the Case Has Altered pub, Dorcas Reese is strangled to death on the Lincolnshire fens. Two weeks earlier, Verna Dunn was shot to death at Fengate. Scotland Yard detective Richard Jury's investigation becomes problematic when his former lover Jenny Kennington turns into the prime suspect in both crimes. Some strong language. 1997.

**Breathless BR 11507**
by J.P. Smith
3 volumes
When the body of her husband, with a slit throat, is found in a seedy hotel room, professor Jill Bowman is forced to rehash their relationship and her own troubled past. As she struggles to cope with the tragedy, she develops a romantic interest in the homicide detective. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

**The Mansion BR 11541**
by William Faulkner
4 volumes
In the third and last volume in the Snopes trilogy, between two murders the Snopes family loses its grip on the town of Jefferson, Mississippi. 1959.

***Maggie: A Girl of the Streets* and Selected Stories BR 11578**
by Stephen Crane
2 volumes
Six stories by the author of the *Red Badge of Courage (BR 1449)*. In "Maggie," written in 1893, Crane portrays the sordid life and downfall of a poor Irish girl from the Bowery. Other selections depict small-town life and the experiences of young men in battle. For senior high and older readers. 1991.

**Screen Test BR 11605**
by David Klass
2 volumes
A high school junior, Liz is uncomfortable with the attention her good looks bring, but she accepts a request to star in a student film. When this leads to a role in a Hollywood movie, Liz must decide if this is the life she wants. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

**The Beasties BR 11606**
by William Sleator
1 volume
When Doug's family moves to a logging camp, he and his younger sister Colette encounter the beasties. Colette sympathizes with these underground creatures making war on the loggers. Doug fears the beasties because they mutilate humans to replace parts of their own maimed bodies. Now Colette and Doug are the next likely victims. Violence. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

**Ride against the Wind BR 11609**
by Terrell L. Bowers
2 volumes
Stover Gates has hated the Danmyers since one of them killed his brother years ago. When Jerrod Danmyer helps Stover's daughter Marian get her wagon and horse team out of a mire, Stover is furious. But life on the Kansas prairie is hard in the late 1800s, and a plague of locusts changes Stover's feelings about his neighbors. 1996.

**Naming the New World BR 11615**
by Calvin Baker
1 volume
Vignettes highlighting the history of an African American family, beginning with episodes in Africa and as newly arrived slaves in America, progressing to their escape from slavery, but not from pain. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 1997.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Children's Nonfiction

**For the Love of the Game: Michael Jordan and Me BR 11035**
by Eloise Greenfield
1 volume
Inspired by basketball star Michael Jordan, a child vows not to listen to naysayers, but rather to boldly choose a path in the game of life and to pursue it with determination. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3 and older readers. 1997.

**Musicians of the Sun BR 11040**
by Gerald McDermott
1 volume
The Aztec Lord of the Night sees that his people are sad in the gray darkness. He sends Wind to battle Sun for the musicians held prisoner: Red, Yellow, Blue, and Green, because they can bring color, music, and happiness to the people. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1997.

**One of Each BR 11048**
by Mary Ann Hoberman
1 volume
In this story told in rhyme, Oliver Tolliver lives all alone in his house with only one of everything. When he invites a visitor to his home, he realizes that he needs two of some things, and he discovers the pleasure of sharing. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1997.

**Miriam's Cup: A Passover Story BR 11049**
by Fran Manushkin
1 volume
Miriam Pinsky and her family are preparing for Passover when her mother takes the time to retell the biblical story of Miriam's namesake, who played an important role in the history of the Israelites. Miriam's mother also has a special gift for her. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1998.

**I Have a Dream BR 11050**
by Martin Luther King
1 volume
Presents the complete text of the historic speech by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on August 28, 1963, in Washington, D.C. In it, he expresses hope for social justice and equality in the future. Includes a short biography of the civil rights leader and a foreword by his wife, Coretta Scott King. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 4-7. 1997.

**Oh, Freedom! Kids Talk about the Civil Rights Movement with the People Who Made It Happen BR 11419**
by Casey King and
Linda Barrett Osborne
1 volume
Thirty-one grade-school children interview friends and relatives about their roles in the civil rights movement. Three additional essays provide information on segregation, the movement to end it, and the struggle against racial discrimination and poverty. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**Puppies, Dogs, and Blue Northers: Reflections on Being Raised by a Pack of Sled Dogs BR 11420**
by Gary Paulsen
1 volume
Companion to *Woodsong (BR 8849)*. Iditarod racer Paulsen recalls his life on the trail and at home with his beloved team of dogs. Portrays his special relationship with the lead dog, Cookie, describing the births and rearing of her pups and the sadness of retirement for both man and dog. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1996.

**Poems for Youth BR 11483**
by Emily Dickinson
1 volume
Seventy-eight poems written by Dickinson mainly for her niece and nephews. Many of the sparse verses are about the seasons and the passage of time. Includes such well-known poems as "There is no frigate like a book," "I'll tell you how the sun rose," and "I never saw a moor." For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1934.

**"Always Wear Clean Underwear!" and Other Ways Parents Say "I Love You" BR 11487**
by Marc Gellman
1 volume
Interprets the hidden meanings behind thirty-two things parents tell their children to do—over and over again. For example, cleaning your plate means being grateful for what you have, and keeping your shoes off the couch is a way to show respect to your parents. For grades 3-6. 1997.

**Social Smarts: Manners for Today's Kids BR 11612**
by Elizabeth James and Carol Barkin
1 volume
Practical advice to help kids navigate social situations without embarrassment. Suggests ways to cope with crises, such as hospitalization and death. Also includes question-and-answer segments. For grades 4-7. 1996.

# Children's Fiction

**Silver Packages: An Appalachian Christmas Story BR 11030**
by Cynthia Rylant
1 volume
A wealthy man, once nursed back to health in Appalachia, now brings a Christmas train through the mountains each year and tosses silver packages to the children. One boy wishes in vain for a doctor's kit but, years later, realizes he received the gifts he needed most. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1987.

**My Life with the Wave BR 11033**
translated by Catherine Cowan
1 volume
On his first trip to the seashore, a young boy falls in love with the waves. One, in particular, clutches his hand, and he begs his father to let him take her—the wave—home. But she is difficult to control in the confines of the house, and the boy's parents finally reach their limit. Based on a story by Octavio Paz. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1997.

**The Always Prayer Shawl BR 11034**
by Sheldon Oberman
1 volume
Adam, a young Jewish boy in Russia, learns a lot about his family's history and his name from his grandfather. As life in Russia becomes difficult for Jews, Adam's family decides to move to America. Before they leave, Adam's grandfather gives him a special present that Adam promises to cherish and pass on to the next Adam in the family. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1994.

**The Lady in the Box BR 11036**
by Ann McGovern
1 volume
When Lizzie and Ben discover a woman sleeping in front of the Circle Deli, they want to help in some way. They are not allowed to speak with strangers, so they leave soup and a warm scarf by her box. Her gratitude delights the children. Then the store owner tells the old lady to move. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1997.

**Seal Surfer BR 11037**
by Michael Foreman
1 volume
Even though Ben sometimes uses a wheelchair, he and his grandfather often hunt for mussels along a rocky beach. One spring they spot a seal and her new pup. Over the next few years, Ben and the young seal develop a special bond as they both ride the ocean waves. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1996.

**Burnt Toast on Davenport Street BR 11039**
by Tim Egan
1 volume
Arthur Crandall, a dog, is always burning the toast, but somehow his wife, Stella, has come to like the smell. One morning a fly enters the house and offers Arthur three wishes if he'll just let the fly live. Arthur's wishes are granted, but he and Stella soon long to be back home. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1997.

**Time Ghost BR 11401**
by Welwyn Wilton Katz
1 volume
In the twenty-first century Sara discovers she is afraid of nature when her environmentalist grandmother drags her to the North Pole to fend off developers. But Sara soon has an even bigger problem when she, her friend, and the developer are transported back in time and Sara is stuck inside her twelve-year-old grandmother. For grades 4-7. 1994.

**The Puppy Sister BR 11408**
by S.E. Hinton
1 volume
Aleasha Ann Davidson, a puppy, likes her new family even though Nick keeps saying he wanted a sister instead. Aleasha is determined to win Nick's affection, so because she likes human things such as eating at the table, she decides to turn herself into a human person. For grades 2-4. 1995.

**First Came the Owl BR 11410**
by Judith Benét Richardson
1 volume
Nita's father is in the Coast Guard and met her mother in Thailand. Now Nita's mother is hospitalized for depression, and Nita is struggling to understand and help. As she surprises herself by taking on the role of Snow White in her fifth-grade play, Nita finds symbolism in the huge snowy owl she spots on the beach. For grades 4-7. 1996.

***Curses, Inc.* and Other Stories BR 11443**
by Vivian Vande Velde
2 volumes
Ten funny, scary stories about magic spells and their consequences. In the title story, Bill finds a curse site on the Internet but learns what you wish for doesn't always come true. In "Witch-Hunt," Lyssa is caught reading Satanic bibles. For grades 6-9. 1997.

**Superfudge BR 11488**
by Judy Blume
1 volume
Not only does Peter's brother Fudge grow more troublesome with age, but Peter's parents make things worse by producing a baby girl. After Fudge tries unsuccessfully to sell the baby or give her away, he plasters her with trading stamps in hopes of exchanging her for something good. Sequel to *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing (BR 11471)*. For grades 3-6. 1980.

**Ramona Quimby, Age Eight BR 11491**
by Beverly Cleary
1 volume
As Ramona enters third grade, her father returns to college to become an art teacher. Having a working mother and a student father is tough on the family, but the Quimbys stick together through good times and bad. For grades 3-6. 1981.

**The Decision: Animorphs, Volume 18 BR 11496**
by K.A. Applegate
2 volumes
Ax, the Andalite trapped on Earth, tells this adventure about how he and his four human friends who have the power to morph become mosquitoes for a mission against their mutual enemy, the Yeerks. For grades 4-7. 1998.

**The Departure: Animorphs, Volume 19 BR 11497**
by K.A. Applegate
2 volumes
After her latest mission when she morphed into a wolf, Cassie realizes that she is losing her human feelings. She tells her friends that she is quitting; she does not want to be an animorph any longer. But when confronted by a leopard and Karen, a human-controller who knows Cassie's secret, Cassie must rethink her decision. For grades 4-7. 1998.

**The Discovery: Animorphs, Volume 20 BR 11498**
by K.A. Applegate
2 volumes
A new boy at school, David, is carrying the blue box essential to acquiring the power to morph. Marco spots him and tries to buy the box. Realizing that it must be valuable, David advertises the blue box on the Internet, alerting the Animorphs' enemies to its existence. That one ad changes David's life—forever. For grades 4-7. 1998.

**The Threat: Animorphs, Volume 21 BR 11499**
by K.A. Applegate
2 volumes
The Animorphs face their most vital mission: they must prevent the Yeerks from infesting the leaders of the entire free world. Their attention is diverted by David, the sixth human to acquire the power to morph, because he is breaking the rules and becoming a danger to all of them. For grades 4-7. 1998.

**Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry BR 11509**
by Mildred D. Taylor
2 volumes
A turbulent year in Mississippi during the Great Depression—a year of night

riders, burnings, and threats. Cassie Logan, a young black girl, tells the story of her family's struggle to survive with its dignity and independence intact. For grades 6-9. Newbery Award 1976.

**Well Wished BR 11579**
by Franny Billingsley
1 volume
Eleven-year-old Nuria is happy to go to live with her grandfather even though no other children live in his village. There is a wishing well nearby, but it causes problems for people who use its magic. Grandfather Avy's wish for a friend for Nuria succeeds in bringing Catty to town, but wheelchair-bound Catty is not always nice to Nuria. For grades 4-7. 1997.

**The Great Brain Is Back BR 11582**
by John D. Fitzgerald
1 volume
In this final book about the Great Brain, J.D. narrates eight more tales about how his big brother, Tom, now thirteen, continues to swindle people out of their money. Tom convinces J.D. to sell bars of soap, almost outwits Polly in the spelling bee, and helps rescue an outlaw gang. For grades 4-7. 1995.

**The Unprotected Witness BR 11584**
by James Stevenson
1 volume
Even though Pete's father was in the federal witness protection program, he was killed, and there is still the matter of missing money. The gangsters who want the money figure Pete knows where it is hidden. When Pete finds the telephone bugged, he realizes that he is an unprotected witness who needs friends more than ever. Sequel to *The Bones in the Cliff (BR 10483)*. For grades 4-7. 1997.

**Radiance Descending BR 11611**
by Paula Fox
1 volume
Paul's baby brother, Jacob, has Down's syndrome and has to be watched all the time. Their grandfather tries to help Paul understand his brother, but Paul is resentful and prefers not to think about him at all. Then Jacob's seventh birthday arrives, and Paul begins to see him in a new light. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**Mean Margaret BR 11614**
by Tor Seidler
1 volume
Fred the woodchuck is very set in his ways, but he has recently made a big change by marrying Phoebe. His life is further disrupted when a group of human children leave their youngest sibling at his doorstep. The huge toddler is mean and demanding, but Phoebe adores her. For grades 3-6. 1997.

**Bad, Badder, Baddest BR 11620**
by Cynthia Voigt
2 volumes
In this sequel to *Bad Girls (BR 11341)*, Mikey and Margalo are now in the sixth grade. Mikey's parents announce that they are thinking of getting a divorce. Since Margalo has been through two divorces, Mikey asks for her help in stopping this one. For grades 4-7. 1997.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

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**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Conundrum** (British monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])
**Harper's** (literary; monthly)
**Health Newsletters** (includes **Harvard Health Letter, Mayo Clinic Health Letter, and University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter;** monthly)
**Inside Sports** (monthly)
**Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine** (monthly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Martha Stewart Living** (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
**Muse** (for children; 6 issues)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**The *New York Times* Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
**PC World** (personal computing; monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
**Rolling Stone** (popular culture; 26 issues)
**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)
**Short Stories** (British monthly)
**Spider: The Magazine for Children** (monthly)
**Stone Soup** (children's writings; 5 issues)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)
**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

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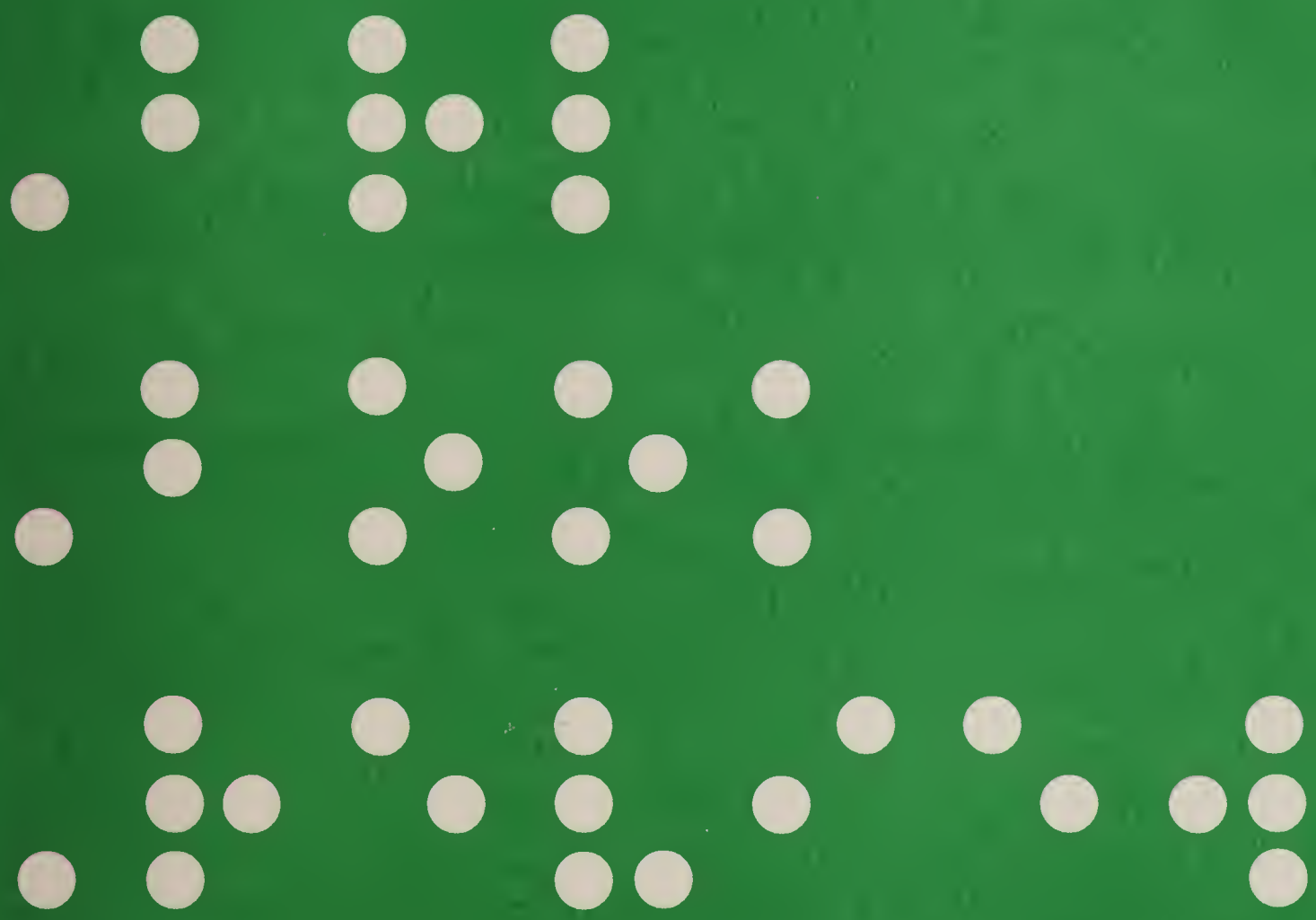

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# In Brief

## Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

**Self-Help computer manuals available in braille.** The National Braille Press (NBP) has released several publications designed to help make computer usage easier. *Word for Windows 95 Quick and Easy* provides exercises that take beginners from starting the computer to creating documents in Word for Windows 95 (Word 7) and Word for Windows 98 (Word 8). The single braille volume is available for $22.99.

Another manual, *Windows 95 Explained*, "describes fundamental Windows 95 concepts from a nonvisual perspective." It lists Windows keyboard commands and provides a comprehensive glossary. The book is written specifically for blind users and the principles are applicable to most access technology. It is available in braille, on diskette, on cassette, and in large print at $18 per format. A special bonus pack of all four formats is available for $50.

For a "special perspective" of Windows 95, NBP offers *Windows 95 Explained* tactile diagrams, which complement the manual, describing the content and layout of various screens. The diagrams may be purchased separately for $15 or with the manual for $25.

*Eudora Pro 4.0 Reference Card,* a keyboard summary of the graphics-based e-mail software, is being offered in

braille format for $5. For the same price, the *Internet Explorer 3.02 Reference Card*, which lists keyboard commands for Microsoft's Internet browser, can also be purchased. Produced in braille, the card was written by Dean Martineau for blind users.

To order any of these products or for more information, contact the National Braille Press, 88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115; phone (617) 266-6160; toll-free: (800) 548-7323; fax: (617) 437-0456, or visit the web site at http://www.nbp.org.

**Braille literacy information.** The American Foundation for the Blind has posted its National Braille Literacy Mentor Project on the web at http://www.afb.org/literacy/nblmp/. The packet includes factsheets and resource lists. It was originally designed for the January observation of braille literacy, but the materials can be used all year long. For more information write the National Literacy Program, American Foundation for the Blind, 100 Peachtree St., Suite 620, Atlanta, GA 30303.

The following information is reprinted from *Talking Book Topics,* March–April 1999.

## Magazine of the Month Selections for 1999

Two programs offer readers samplings of magazines not otherwise available through the NLS program. Subscribers to Magazine of the Month and Young Adult Magazine of the Month receive a different audio magazine each month. For a free subscription to either program, contact your local cooperating library.

Although the selections are subject to change, readers may receive some of the following magazines this year.

**Magazine of the Month (flexible disc)**

- **Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine** (short new works, essays, and book and movie reviews)
- **American Astrology: First and Best for over Sixty Years** (advice, predictions, and zodiac guides)
- **American Enterprise** (politics, business, and culture from various viewpoints)
- **Black Enterprise** (career and business opportunities for African Americans)
- **DoubleTake** (fiction, essays, documentary journalism, poetry, and armchair travel)
- **Gourmet: The Magazine of Good Living** (how to find good food and articles on food and culture)
- **The Herb Companion** (herb gardening, history, folklore, and sources)
- **The Humanist** (articles of critical inquiry and social concern)
- **In-Fisherman: The Journal of Freshwater Fishing** (science and biology of fish, tactics of fishing, equipment, accessories, and travel)
- **Men's Fitness** (exercise, sports and adventure, performance nutrition, and healthy living)
- **New Woman** (concerns of contemporary career women, relationships, and self-help advice)
- **Yoga Journal: For Health and Conscious Living** (yoga practices, well-being, philosophy, and stress-reduction)

**Young Adult Magazine of the Month (cassette)**

- **Alateen Talk** (personal sharings from members of group for teenage friends and relatives of alcoholics)
- **Career Opportunities News** (occupational trends and employment and educational opportunities)
- **Cicada** (reprints and original stories)
- **Crank! Science Fiction Fantasy** (short to lengthy science fiction features)
- **ESPN: The Magazine** (interviews and commentary on college and professional sports)
- **Glamour** (beauty, fitness, fashion, health, and contemporary issues)
- **Health** (healthy looks, healthy cooking, medical news, fitness, and self-care)
- **Icarus: New Writing from around the World** (original writing from an international perspective)
- **Light Quarterly** (light verse and satire)
- **Outside** (travel, environmental issues, outdoor equipment and clothing, expeditions, and recreational activities)
- **Spin** (articles on popular music, politics, society, and the arts)

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Adult Nonfiction

**Charles Ives: A Life with Music**
**BR 11059**
by Jan Swafford
7 volumes
Portrait of an innovative composer and insurance executive whose work affected the course of twentieth-century classical music. Recounts his youth and the early influences that shaped his life and music. Traces his career as a radical composer up to the gradual acceptance of his music in the concert hall after World War II. 1996.

**American Scripture: Making the Declaration of Independence BR 11245**
by Pauline Maier
4 volumes
Encapsulates the story of the birth and legacy of the document that liberated America. The author discusses how reinterpretations of this historic manifesto have over time spurred new social ideals and principles in the United States. 1997.

**Unfinished Journey: Twenty Years Later**
**BR 11253**
by Yehudi Menuhin
5 volumes
Originally published in 1976, this revised edition adds four new chapters, extending the author's memoir to age eighty. A world-renowned violinist, Menuhin offers his views on a wide range of topics, revealing his lifelong interest in musical and humanitarian pursuits. 1996.

**Faith and Treason: The Story of the Gunpowder Plot BR 11436**
by Antonia Fraser
4 volumes
An account of a plot in 1605 to blow up England's Houses of Parliament in reaction to the government's oppression of Catholics. Recounts the hatching of the conspiracy, its discovery and failure, and the aftermath. Discusses the event in the context of modern-day terrorism. Violence. 1996.

**Building Basic Skills in Mathematics**
**BR 11457**
3 volumes
A work text in basic mathematics to help adult learners master computation skills involving whole numbers, fractions, decimals, and percentages. Provides a pretest, individual lessons, and skills tests, followed by a posttest. 1988.

**Anna and the King of Siam BR 11480**
by Margaret Landon
4 volumes
Anna Leonowens, a Welsh widow hired

in 1862 to be governess to the children and concubines of the king of Siam, found the contrasts between the exotic Orient and Victorian Great Britain striking. Landon recounts Leonowen's five years of adventures and confrontations. This book inspired the Broadway musical *The King and I*. 1943.

**Worry: Controlling It and Using It Wisely BR 11485**

by Edward M. Hallowell
3 volumes
Dr. Hallowell, an expert on attention deficit disorder, turns to a study on worry, in both its destructive and productive forms. Hallowell analyzes the uses and benefits of worry and discusses when to seek help if someone worries too much. Offers recommendations on how to maintain a healthy balance. 1997.

**Conquering Statistics: Numbers without the Crunch BR 11492**

by Jefferson Hane Weaver
2 volumes
The author humorously describes the history and theory of statistics in practical terms. Explains how statistics applies to everyday life, from playing the lottery to understanding polling. Enables readers to make informed judgments on the statistical analyses reported in the news. 1997.

**The Essential Rumi BR 11506**

translated by Coleman Barks
3 volumes
Contemporary translation of spiritual poetry by the Sufi mystic Jelaluddin Rumi (1207–1273). These poems were created during Rumi's work with a dervish learning community that was "exploring the mystery of union with the divine." Some descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Fair Is Fair: World Folktales of Justice BR 11514**

by Sharon Creeden
2 volumes
International tales that relate to themes of law and justice. Traditional stories are used to illustrate a variety of modern legal issues and court cases. For example, the Danish fable "The Lawyer's Advice" elucidates the concept of the insanity defense. For high school and older readers. 1994.

**Planet of the Blind BR 11518**

by Stephen Kuusisto
2 volumes
Although legally blind since birth, Kuusisto passed as sighted for more than thirty years. He describes his refracted visual perceptions and how pretending to see actually interfered with his participation in the sighted world. Then, by using a white cane and, eventually, a guide dog, he experienced new acceptance and mobility. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1998.

**Committed to Memory: Hundred Best Poems to Memorize BR 11522**

edited by John Hollander
1 volume
Hollander and an eleven-member advisory committee selected favorite poems for memorization or, at least, careful reading. The poems—generally short, rhythmic, and with intense imagery—are categorized as sonnets, songs, counsels, tales, and meditations. They include works by poets ranging from Shakespeare to Yeats to Frost. 1996.

**The Glass Menagerie BR 11524**
by Tennessee Williams
1 volume
Drama written in 1945 about a southern family with pretensions to gentility. Centers around the crippled daughter, Laura, who lives in a dream world so full of illusions that she becomes like the pieces in her own glass collection—too fragile to move from the shelf. 1972.

**James Herriot's Animal Stories BR 11528**
by James Herriot
1 volume
Ten of the Yorkshire veterinarian's best-loved stories with an introduction by his son, Jim Wight, who took over the practice after his father's death in 1995. 1997.

**The Disheveled Dictionary: A Curious Caper through Our Sumptuous Lexicon BR 11545**
by Karen Elizabeth Gordon
1 volume
An alphabetical list of the author's favorite words, which she includes for their rhythm and rich sound. Some entries are well-known words, while others are obscure. 1997.

**The Secret Family: Twenty-Four Hours inside the Mysterious World of Our Minds and Bodies BR 11546**
by David Bodanis
2 volumes
A microscopic examination of the world of a family of five, including biological processes within the human body and ingredients in everyday products. An analysis of baby food reveals pigs' feet extract and chalk dust. A teenager's kiss is described as a series of chemical reactions in the nervous system. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1997.

**Are You Somebody: The Accidental Memoir of a Dublin Woman BR 11561**
by Nuala O'Faolain
2 volumes
An unmarried, childless Irish woman reviews her life and examines its meaning. She recalls her deprived childhood, her years at boarding school and university, and her career in broadcast and print journalism. Approaching sixty, she takes stock of her accomplishments and her solitary life. 1996.

**Hear: Solutions, Skills, and Sources for People with Hearing Loss BR 11580**
by Anne Pope
2 volumes
After explaining how the ear works and what can cause hearing loss, Pope discusses coping strategies for individuals, their families, and their friends. She also offers information on hearing aids, the cochlear implant, and other devices to improve hearing. Includes interviews with several hearing-impaired persons. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

**Get That Job! BR 11591**
by Jurg Oppliger
1 volume
This guide for people seeking employment includes tips on determining job skills, writing resumes, finding position openings, and having a successful interview. Grade 1 braille. 1997.

**Desire BR 11592**
by Frank Bidart
1 volume
A collection of poems in two parts: thirteen short poems, many revealing the poet's grief and loss after the death of his lover; and one long poem, "The Second Hour of the Night," based on Ovid's story of Myrrha. 1997.

**Halfway Heaven: Diary of a Harvard Murder BR 11593**
by Melanie Thernstrom
2 volumes
In 1995 Ethiopian Harvard student Sinedu Tadesse stabbed to death her Vietnamese immigrant roommate, Trang Phuong Ho, and then hung herself. Excerpts from Tadesse's journals reveal a woman so troubled by loneliness that Ho's decision to move out caused Tadesse to kill. Some strong language and some violence. 1997.

**Academic Duty BR 11607**
by Donald Kennedy
4 volumes
Examines a range of challenges facing the modern university in the United States. Addresses such issues as teaching versus research, waning budgets, ethical concerns, and cultural conflicts. Calls for a renewed commitment to academic responsibility within the campus community. 1997.

**Late-Talking Children BR 11613**
by Thomas Sowell
2 volumes
The author, an economist and columnist, discusses the response he received to his article about his son's lateness in learning to talk. He describes other traits shared by many such children, who often go on to become intelligent and successful adults, even in cases of early misdiagnosis. 1997.

**Generation React: Activism for Beginners BR 11616**
by Danny Seo
2 volumes
Based on his personal experience starting Earth 2000—an animal rights and environmental science activist group—Seo presents a step-by-step manual for concerned young people to change the world. Includes tips on raising funds, changing school policy, and conducting a consumer boycott. Shares organizational skills and public relations information. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

**The Scared Child: Helping Kids Overcome Traumatic Events BR 11618**
by Barbara Brooks and Paula M. Siegel
2 volumes
Describes types of trauma—injury, illness, physical or sexual abuse, parental divorce, and the death of a friend or relative—as well as natural disasters and "trauma by proxy." Assesses the likely effects on children. Explains how to recognize symptoms, debrief the child, and help in the processes of coping and recovery. 1996.

**I Have Lived in the Monster BR 11621**
by Robert K. Ressler and Tom Shachtman
2 volumes
A former FBI agent and advisor on serial killings profiles and analyzes a number of notorious cases in the United States, Japan, and England. Discusses investigative techniques and includes personal interviews with mass murderers John Wayne Gacy and Jeffrey Dahmer. 1997.

**Cactus Tracks and Cowboy Philosophy BR 11627**
by Baxter Black
2 volumes
Poetry and stories by a veterinarian-turned-commentator and columnist. All the material is extracted from the files of National Public Radio, where Black has an occasional morning program. A humorous perspective on ranch life out west, where cowboys, horses, rodeos,

and farmers dominate the landscape. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

**Control Your Money BR 11647**
by Laubach Literacy International
1 volume
A simple guide to gaining control over finances. Learn how to manage money, recover from past mistakes, and plan for the future. Grade 1 braille. 1997.

**West Wind: Poems and Prose Poems BR 11650**
by Mary Oliver
1 volume
Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award presents forty pieces. In "Seven White Butterflies," "Pilot Snake," "Sand Dabs, Three," and "Black Snake This Time," among others, Oliver celebrates particular features of nature. In other selections, she ponders love and death while encouraging appreciation of the natural world. 1997.

**Twelve Shots: Outstanding Short Stories about Guns BR 11651**
edited by Harry Mazer
2 volumes
Short stories about guns and young people. Some are violent and some humorous; all acknowledge the power and presence of arms in American society. Includes selections by young adult authors Walter Dean Myers, Richard Peck, Ron Koertge, and Rita Williams-Garcia; relevant statistics; and a list of concerned organizations. Violence. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

**The Science of God: The Convergence of Scientific and Biblical Wisdom BR 11652**
by Gerald Schroeder
3 volumes
Argues that modern scientific discoveries corroborate, rather than conflict with, biblical revelation. Observes, for example, that the Bible's account of the creation of the universe is consistent with Einstein's theory of relativity and with "big bang" cosmology. 1997.

**I Love Gootie: My Grandmother's Story BR 11660**
by Max Apple
2 volumes
A grandson's recollections of his grandmother, who grew up in a Lithuanian village and preferred Yiddish to English. Gootie is the wife of Rocky, Apple's grandfather portrayed in *Roommates (BR 9790)*. 1998.

**Medicines from Nature BR 11665**
by Peggy Thomas
1 volume
Describes the field of ethnobotany and its adventurous practitioners who search the world's oceans, rain forests, and other areas of opportunity for natural medicines. Discusses momentous discoveries such as penicillin as well as folk remedies from ancient cultures. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

# Adult Fiction

**Whiteoaks of Jalna BR 10968**
by Mazo de la Roche
3 volumes
Finch, the awkward, misunderstood musical genius of the Whiteoak family, finds growing up difficult. Events reach a climax when his eccentric old grandmother dies and leaves her fortune to him. Sequel to *Jalna (BR 4977)* and prequel to *Finch's Fortune (BR 5044)*. Some strong language. 1957.

**Cimarron Rose BR 11339**
by James Lee Burke
3 volumes
Texas ranger-turned-attorney Billy Bob Holland agrees to defend teenager Lucas Smothers, who was found unconscious at the site where a female acquaintance was murdered and arrested for the crime. Holland has a compelling reason to take the case—Smothers is his illegitimate son. Strong language, violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

**Stillpoint BR 11389**
by Marilyn Kok
2 volumes
Kylie Austin is a porcelain buyer in the Hong Kong branch of Reaves Imports and Exports. When a worker mysteriously disappears, Kylie reluctantly accepts the help of Reaves troubleshooting executive Jack Sullivan. Although she believes they share similar religious beliefs, Kylie thinks Jack is scornful of her professional abilities. 1996.

**The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter BR 11395**
by Carson McCullers
3 volumes
Novel set in a southern town. John Singer, who is deaf and mute, worries about his best friend, Antonapoulos, also mute. Soon Antonapoulos's strange behavior lands him in a mental institution. Then Singer, who can read lips, becomes the confidante of several residents of the town—all of whom want answers to their problems. 1940.

**Light in August BR 11398**
by William Faulkner
3 volumes
Joe Christmas, an orphan of mixed blood, travels to the South, seeking a place and people with whom he can belong. But he is soon hardened by white and black bigotry. 1932.

**The Sound and the Fury BR 11402**
by William Faulkner
3 volumes (Reissue)
A Southern family is portrayed in various stages of decay through the voices and thoughts of four of its members, including Benjy, the "idiot" son. An early work by the Nobel Prize winner. 1929.

**The House on the Strand BR 11405**
by Daphne du Maurier
3 volumes
A young Englishman who is visiting a friend at his old house on the Cornish coast is induced to test a hallucinogenic drug that transports him back to the fourteenth century. He observes the people who lived then and returns many times to find out what happens to them. Descriptions of sex and some violence. 1969.

**The Bohemian Murders: A Fremont Jones Mystery BR 11406**
by Dianne Day
2 volumes
In 1907, Fremont Jones follows the man she loves to Carmel. But Michael now calls himself "Misha" and seems quite changed. When confused Fremont takes a temporary job as a lighthouse keeper, she spots a dead woman floating in Monterey Bay and becomes obsessed with identifying her. Some strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

**Something Borrowed BR 11407**
by Alexandra Marshall
2 volumes
Gale left her husband, Gary, after learning he was having an affair with the baby-sitter, and she refused even to talk to him for fifteen years. Now, at

their son's wedding, with their current spouses in tow, Gale and Gary find their attraction to each other has not disappeared. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

**Stranded in Harmony BR 11412**
by Barbara Shoup
2 volumes
Despite being captain of the football team and having a cheerleader girlfriend, high school senior Lucas Cantrell is disillusioned with his staid life in Harmony, Indiana. Lucas wishes he could have grown up during the turbulent 1960s until an eccentric cabin-bound relative and a woman with a radical past teach him the value of living in the present. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

**Fine Things BR 11422**
by Danielle Steel
3 volumes
Bernie Fine has no luck with romance until, as the manager of a glitzy department store in San Francisco, he accidentally meets Liz and her young daughter. A swift courtship is followed by a perfect marriage, but their idyll ends abruptly when Liz develops cancer and dies. Bernie tries to face his grief and loss, and soon good luck greets him as a lovely young pediatrician fills the void. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1987.

**Gone with the Wind BR 11427**
by Margaret Mitchell
9 volumes
A romantic Civil War epic in which Scarlett O'Hara, a forceful and ruthless heroine, and Rhett Butler, a war profiteer, play out their tempestuous love affair against the background of the war-torn South. Pulitzer Prize 1936.

**Silent Melody BR 11439**
by Mary Balogh
3 volumes
As a young child, Lady Emily Marlowe has a fever that leaves her deaf and unable to speak, yet she learns to communicate with Lord Ashley Kendrick in their own special language. So she is devastated when he goes to India and then marries. Later, in 1763 Ashley returns home, and Emily knows she loves only him—but she is engaged to another. Some descriptions of sex. 1997.

**The Silmarillion BR 11510**
by J.R.R. Tolkien
4 volumes
Collection of imaginative tales and legends and an account of the Elder Days, or the First Age of the World. Morgoth, the first Dark Lord, dwells in Middle-earth, and the High Elves make war on him for the recovery of the Silmarils. Bestseller 1977.

**The Job: An American Novel BR 11513**
by Sinclair Lewis
3 volumes
An early 1900s story of an ordinary young woman who comes to New York seeking a career. She studies business, works a series of jobs, becomes disillusioned, and marries. When her marriage fails, she returns to the job market with renewed determination to succeed, and does. Introduction by Maureen Honey. 1917.

**What Child Is This? A Christmas Story BR 11516**
by Caroline B. Cooney
1 volume
Sixteen-year-old Matt and eight-year-old

Katie have both had enough of foster homes. Matt, however, dreads facing Katie's disappointment when her Christmas wish of being adopted doesn't come true. Meanwhile his classmate Liz, who appears to have the perfect family, is dismayed by her parents' hypocrisy during the holidays. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

***The Oil Jar* and Other Stories BR 11531**
by Luigi Pirandello
1 volume
Eleven short stories written between 1884 and 1917 by the winner of the 1934 Nobel Prize for Literature. In the title piece, a temperamental olive grower nearly explodes when the olive-jar repairman inadvertently traps himself inside the container. But the clever tinker uses the owner's anger to solve the dilemma. 1995.

**When She Was Good BR 11537**
by Norma Fox Mazer
1 volume
After their mother's death and their father's remarriage, Em and her sister, Pamela, run away to the city. At fourteen, Em must support and take care of her abusive, troubled older sister. When Pamela dies a few years later, Em attempts to live a normal life. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

**In Praise of Mothers: A Literary Anthology BR 11543**
edited by Lilly Golden
2 volumes
Fourteen short stories exploring the relationships between mothers, children, and family. Includes "Everyday Use" by Alice Walker and "The Good Deed" by Pearl Buck. 1994.

**Spencer's Mountain BR 11544**
by Earl Hamner, Jr.
2 volumes
Recounts a year in the life of the Spencer family, who live in the foothills of Virginia, and especially that of Clay-Boy, as he prepares to leave Spencer's Mountain for his first year of college. 1961.

**The Great Stone Face BR 11549**
by Nathaniel Hawthorne
1 volume (Reissue)
A young boy is told that one day a great man will appear whose face resembles the features of a towering rock formation near his home. He grows to old age awaiting the man's arrival, unaware that it is he himself who resembles the Stone Face. 1851.

**The Facts Speak for Themselves BR 11594**
by Brock Cole
1 volume
At thirteen Linda calmly and dispassionately reveals to a social worker how adults, especially her mother, have failed her. Linda gives this account of her life after she witnesses the murder of her seducer by her mother's former lover. Some descriptions of sex, some strong language, and some violence. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1997.

**The Complete Stories BR 11604**
by Franz Kafka
4 volumes
Twenty of Kafka's longer stories make up most of this collection, followed by fifty-five short stories and sketches. Included are all the stories published during his lifetime (1883–1924) and several others selected from his literary estate. 1971.

**Becky Bernstein Goes Berlin BR 11608**
by Holly-Jane Rahlens
2 volumes
Transplanted New Yorker Becky Bernstein is a talk-show host in Berlin. After being dumped by her latest lover, Becky decides to put both herself and her apartment on a diet. Sorting through drawers and boxes, Becky is reminded of past relationships, family, friends, and jobs. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

**The Collected Stories BR 11617**
by Amanda Cross
2 volumes
Ten short mysteries, all but one featuring professor Kate Fansler. All were previously published by the pseudonymous academic, Amanda Cross. In these selections, the calamities range from missing persons to murder. 1997.

***The Circus in the Attic* and Other Stories BR 11646**
by Robert Penn Warren
3 volumes
A collection of stories that variously portray southern small-town society, rural life, and a professor in academia. "Blackberry Winter" is a man's boyhood reminiscence about a rude drifter who visited his family's Kentucky farm years ago and made an indelible impression. 1947.

**Three Tales BR 11648**
by Gustave Flaubert
1 volume
Three finely contrasted stories first published in 1877. "Simple Heart" is about a faithful domestic servant who outlives her loved ones; "The Legend of St. Julian Hospitator" is a medieval tale about a man seeking atonement for a crime; and "Herodias" retells the story of the execution of John the Baptist. 1961.

**News of the Spirit BR 11655**
by Lee Smith
2 volumes
Six short stories featuring southern women in various predicaments. In "The Southern Cross," a poor girl who has learned how to use men to move up in the world gets her dignity back. In "Live Bottomless," a teenager observes her parents' failing marriage. Some strong language. 1997.

**Four Letters of Love BR 11656**
by Niall Williams
2 volumes
When Nicholas is twelve, his family is torn apart the day his father quits his job because God has instructed him to paint. Isabel, believing she is responsible for her brother's becoming mute and lame, leaves her convent school and marries a man she doesn't love. Years later the siblings are brought together when Nicholas goes in search of the only remaining painting by his father. 1997.

**The Game of Thirty BR 11658**
by William Kotzwinkle
2 volumes
New York P.I. Jimmy McShane is hired by the daughter of Tommy Rennseler, a specialist in Egyptian antiques, to find her father's murderer. Rennseler was playing a pharaoh's board game when he was killed. Now it appears that McShane is a pawn on the streets of New York. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Children's Nonfiction

***The Great Frog Race* and Other Poems BR 11041**
by Kristine O'Connell George
1 volume
Collection of poems featuring the sights, sounds, and smells of life in the country. The author writes of polliwogs huddled in puddles, dragonflies with wings of cellophane, the long deep lines in the plowed fields, the weeping willow that weeps piles of tears to rake in autumn, and the old wooden swing covered with snow in winter. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1997.

**Love Letters BR 11042**
by Arnold Adoff
1 volume
Twenty short poems for children featuring the theme of love—love of parents, teachers, pets, friends, and even siblings. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1997.

**The Best of Shakespeare BR 11526**
retold by E. Nesbit
1 volume
Ten of Shakespeare's plays retold in simple language. Nesbit compiled the collection after a visit to the poet's home with her children. She encouraged them to try reading some of the original plays, only to be told the writing was too difficult to understand. This volume includes *Hamlet*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Tempest*, *Macbeth*, and *Othello*. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1997.

**The Complete Poems to Solve BR 11550**
by May Swenson
1 volume
A collection of seventy-two poems celebrating the natural world, including such topics as cats, birds, water, sound, space and flight, and creatures. The first group of poems are riddles that challenge the reader to figure out what the poet is describing. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1993.

**In a Sacred Manner I Live: Native American Wisdom BR 11551**
edited by Neil Philip
1 volume
A collection of wise sayings, extracts from speeches, and songs by Native Americans from 1609 to 1995. These selections demonstrate the belief common to Indian nations that "to live in a sacred manner is to live with respect for the environment, for the community, and for oneself." For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1997.

**The Planet Hunters: The Search for Other Worlds BR 11577**
by Dennis Brindell Fradin
1 volume
A history of astronomy from the earliest

civilizations, when man observed the stars with only the naked eye, to 1997, when the Hubble Space Telescope orbited the earth. Describes the discovery of planets and other contributions by early and recent scientists. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**Alice Ramsey's Grand Adventure BR 11597**
by Don Brown
1 volume
On June 9, 1909, Alice Ramsey left New York City to drive across America in a Maxwell automobile. Accompanied by three other women, she had to repair the car several times before finally arriving in San Francisco on August 7, 1909. The book describes the small towns, farms, railroad tracks, rivers, and mountains they passed along the way. For grades 2-4. 1997.

**The Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt BR 11622**
by Leonard Everett Fisher
1 volume
Introduces thirteen of the major Egyptian deities, beginning with the sun god Ra. Describes what each represented, how each was depicted artistically, and explains each god's role in ancient mythology. For grades 3-6. 1997.

**Ice Maiden of the Andes BR 11623**
by Janet Buell
1 volume
Describes the discovery of a young girl's frozen body on a mountaintop in Peru. Explains how the frozen tissue provides scientists with important biological information, even though the mummy is five hundred years old, while cultural knowledge is derived from her clothing and ornaments. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**Commander in Chief Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War BR 11624**
by Albert Marrin
3 volumes
Judging the Civil War to be the definitive event in the history of the United States, Marrin contends that Lincoln was our greatest president. Provides biographical information relevant to understanding why this tragedy was also known as "Mr. Lincoln's war." For grades 6-9. 1997.

**The Good Guys of Baseball: Sixteen True Sports Stories BR 11625**
by Terry Egan and others
1 volume
Sixteen biographies describing men in baseball who exemplify some of the best traits an athlete can possess on or off the field: loyalty, decency, determination, and the willingness to work hard. Included are Don Wardlow, a sportscaster who is blind, and Jim Abbott, a pitcher who was born with only one hand. For grades 3-6. 1997.

**Bog Bodies BR 11626**
by Janet Buell
1 volume
Describes how in 1984 a British archaeologist discovered the two-thousand-year-old Lindow Man buried in peat. Explains that bodies preserved in bogs are like time travelers from past civilizations that scientists study to learn about the circumstances of life and death before written records. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**Ludwig Van Beethoven: Composer BR 11628**
by Dynise Balcavage
1 volume
The life and times of composer Ludwig Van Beethoven, born in 1770. He began

losing his hearing as a young adult but was able to communicate and to pursue his musical career by using an ear trumpet and various devices. By the age of forty-eight he was totally deaf, but he continued working despite this challenge and several debilitating bouts of illness. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1997.

**The Mash and Smash Cookbook: Fun and Yummy Recipes Every Kid Can Make! BR 11630**
by Marian Buck-Murray
1 volume
Collection of recipes that lets you use your hands to mash, bash, pound, and smash up some of your favorite foods all by yourself. For breakfast you might have French fingers, for lunch munch an apple crunch sandwich, and for an afternoon snack try popcorn honeys. Most of the supper recipes do require some adult help. Includes safety tips, tools, and ingredients. For grades 3-6. 1998.

**101 Questions and Answers about Backyard Wildlife BR 11654**
by Ann Squire
1 volume
The author has studied many exotic animals but was amazed by all the wild creatures she found in her backyard when she moved to a large home in the country. In chapters on birds, insects, mammals, and reptiles, she describes the habits of such wildlife as owls, butterflies, spiders, rabbits, snails, and frogs. For grades 3-6. 1996.

**Alexander Graham Bell: Making Connections BR 11657**
by Naomi Pasachoff
1 volume
Emphasizes Bell's work and the scientific experiments leading to his invention of the telephone. Examines his personal life to explain his commitment to working with deaf people. Traces his lifelong scientific curiosity, including his studies of heredity and his pioneering efforts in aviation. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1996.

# Children's Fiction

**The Goose That Almost Got Cooked BR 11038**
by Marc Simont
1 volume
Flying with her flock of wild Canada geese, Emily tires herself by doing flips and stops to take a nap. She lands on a farm, sees how wonderful life is for farm geese, and decides to stay. But soon Emily learns the downside of farm living. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1997.

**The Bone Man: A Native American Modoc Tale BR 11044**
retold by Laura Simms
1 volume
Nulwee, raised by his grandmother, is destined to confront the monster Bone Man, who devoured his people and drank the river dry. But Nulwee's encounter with the Bone Man comes sooner than expected. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 1997.

**Elfwyn's Saga BR 11045**
by David Wisniewski
1 volume
Because of a curse placed on Anlaf by Gorm the Grim, Anlaf's daughter Elfwyn is born blind. But Elfwyn is able to do many things, even ride a pony. And when Gorm presents a crystal stone to Anlaf and his people, causing

them to become discontented with their lives, it is Elfwyn and her pony who break the curse and create the northern lights. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 4-7. 1990.

**The Sandy Bottom Orchestra BR 11490**
by Garrison Keillor and
Jenny Lind Nilsson
2 volumes
Eighth-grader Rachel Green is not looking forward to the summer. She and her best friend, Carol, seem to be growing apart, and her parents have decided to stay in town for the summer because her father is in charge of the Fourth of July celebration. Life does begin to look up, however, when Rachel is invited to play her violin in the Sandy Bottom Orchestra. For grades 5-8. 1996.

**Camelot BR 11494**
edited by Jane Yolen
2 volumes
Several authors provide ten stories and one song about the legend of King Arthur—some humorous, some historical, and some tragic. Anne McCaffrey writes about a search for horses to enrich the bloodlines of the king's horses. Terry Pratchett offers a scientific explanation of the sword in the stone. For grades 3-6. 1995.

***What Do Fish Have to Do with Anything?* and Other Stories BR 11512**
by Avi
1 volume
Seven short stories in which young people make difficult decisions as they learn to think for themselves. In "What's Inside," a thirteen-year-old must act under pressure to save his cousin from shooting himself. In "Fortune Cookie," a boy faces his first birthday since his parents were divorced. In the title piece, a boy wishes he could find a cure for unhappiness. For grades 6-9. 1997.

**Stranded BR 11523**
by Ben Mikaelsen
2 volumes
Twelve-year-old Koby is completely at home in the ocean in spite of her artificial foot. She rescues a mother whale and newborn calf from a fishing net. But when they become beached in shallow water, Koby faces a dilemma: if she leaves for help the whales may die, but if she stays she may be attacked by sharks. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**Hatchet BR 11525**
by Gary Paulsen
1 volume (Reissue)
Brian, thirteen and troubled by his parents' divorce, is flying in a single-engine plane to visit his father. As Brian is the only passenger, the pilot casually shows him how to fly the plane. When the pilot has a heart attack and dies, Brian must take control. After the plane crashes in the Canadian wilderness, Brian has only the hatchet attached to his belt to help him survive. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1987.

**The Indian in the Cupboard BR 11529**
by Lynne Reid Banks
2 volumes
Omri is disappointed with the miniature plastic Indian that his best friend gives him for his birthday until the toy comes to life as a fierce Iroquois Indian only three inches tall. A witty story for grades 4-7 and older readers. 1980.

**Moving Mama to Town BR 11532**
by Ronder Thomas Young
2 volumes
Freddy James Johnson, thirteen, is confused when his father, "Big Kenny,"

leaves his family members to fend for themselves on the farm in 1947. But Freddy soon arranges to move Mama and little Kenneth Lee into town, and he gets a job to support them. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**Awake and Dreaming BR 11536**
by Kit Pearson
2 volumes
Theo, who lives in near poverty with her irresponsible waitress mother in Vancouver, escapes into books and fantasizes about the perfect family. Just as things get really bad, Theo receives magical help from a ghost and, for a while, becomes part of just such a family. For grades 4-7. 1996.

**The Skull of Truth: A Magic Shop Book BR 11539**
by Bruce Coville
1 volume
Running from bullies, Charlie escapes into Mr. Elives's magic shop where, to his own horror, he steals a human skull. Worse, the skull talks, and it forces Charlie to always tell the truth—something he rarely did in the past. For grades 4-7. 1997.

**Aliens Ate My Homework BR 11547**
by Bruce Coville
1 volume
Rod Allbright is building a volcano for a school project when a small spaceship crashes through the window. A tiny spaceman emerges, and Rod helps him and the crew repair their ship. The aliens are on Earth to catch a notorious criminal, and Rod is surprised to learn who it is. For grades 3-6. 1993.

**Where the Red Fern Grows: The Story of Two Dogs and a Boy BR 11548**
by Wilson Rawls
2 volumes
Ten-year-old Billy, a country boy in the Ozarks, wants a pair of coonhounds so badly that he works hard for two years to pay for them. For grades 5-8. 1961.

**Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes BR 11568**
by Roald Dahl
1 volume
A retelling in verse of six well-known fairy tales featuring surprise endings in place of the traditional happily-ever-after ones. For grades 3-6. 1982.

**The Islander BR 11569**
by Cynthia Rylant
1 volume
Daniel is lonely living on a remote island with his grandfather. Then he meets a mermaid who knows his name. She sends him a key that locates injured birds, his future bride, and a puppy to keep him company. After the older man's death, Daniel discovers clues to the mermaid's identity among his grandfather's belongings. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1998.

**The Terrorist BR 11588**
by Caroline B. Cooney
1 volume
The Williams family has moved to London for a year. Unlike the rest of the students, naive, sixteen-year-old Laura does not know or care about current events or different cultures. But when her eleven-year-old brother, Billy, innocently accepts a package from a stranger on the subway and it explodes, Laura becomes obsessed with finding the terrorist who

killed him. Some violence. For grades 6-9. 1997.

**The Velveteen Rabbit; or, How Toys Become Real BR 11596**
by Margery Williams
1 volume
A velveteen rabbit stuffed with sawdust learns from an older toy that a child's love can make him real. Rabbit happily experiences the joy of this love and at last learns of another kind of reality. For grades 2-5 and older readers. 1922.

**Richard Wright and the Library Card BR 11662**
by William Miller
1 volume
A story from Wright's autobiography describing how he, a seventeen-year-old African American, found a daring way to borrow library books in the segregated South. For grades 3-6. 1997.

# Foreign Language Book

## Spanish

**Louis Braille: El Inventor del Alfabeto de Puntos en Relieve que Ha Abierto las Puertas de la Cultura a Millones de Ciegos BR 11453**
por Beverly Birch
1 volumen
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# In Brief

## Books being selected for grade 1 braille

A variety of fiction and nonfiction books in grade 1 braille have been added to the NLS collection, an action prompted by the National Advisory Group on Collection-Building Activities. The group recommended that NLS provide this format for adult readers who have a need for or prefer the more basic form of braille.

Approximately three to five books a year are selected for grade 1 braille with an anticipated limit of about fifty for the collection. A larger number is not considered necessary because most patrons advance from this level to grade 2 braille. More important than the number of books, the collection must represent the varied interests of people who are learning braille.

Criteria used for selection include high general interest, relatively short length, and low vocabulary. Such popular works of fiction include classics, westerns, and romances. Nonfiction titles are generally on subjects believed to be of interest to many patrons.

Grade 1 selections are listed and identified in *Braille Book Review*.

## Braille Authority of North America elects new officers

Phyllis Campana, American Printing House for the Blind (APH), was elected chairperson of the Braille Authority of North America (BANA) in November 1998 for the 1999–2001 term.

Other officers are Bettye Niceley, National Federation of the Blind (NFB),

vice-chairperson; Frances Mary D'Andrea, American Foundation for the Blind (AFB), secretary; Susan Reilly, California Transcribers and Educators of the Visually Handicapped (CTEVH), treasurer; and Dolores Ferrara-Godzieba, Associated Services for the Blind (ASB), past-chairperson.

The organization also formed a new technical committee to develop standards for tactile graphics and announced that an errata sheet correcting errors found in Braille Formats: *Principles of Print to Braille Transcription* 1997 will be available on the BANA web site at www.brailleauthority.org. In addition, the list will be in transcriber newsletters by the spring of 1999.

The meeting was hosted by the National Braille Press. The United States members of BANA will host the International Council on English Braille (ICEB) November 2–6, 1999, in Baltimore, Maryland.

The following information is reprinted from *Talking Book Topics,* May–June 1999.

# In Brief

## www.loc.gov/nls

As a service to patrons, NLS provides access to many of its resources and documents through a comprehensive Internet presence. Visitors to the NLS web site may search the Union Catalog, which describes more than 250,000 special-format books available from cooperating libraries. Users can search for books by author, subject, title, series, book number, and keyword. Patrons can also view and download Talking Book Topics, cumulative catalogs and bibliographies, and cooperating library addresses and phone numbers.

The web site is designed to be fully accessible by persons using text-based browsers and adaptive devices that output information in large-print, braille, or synthetic speech. To reach the NLS web site, individuals need a personal computer or properly equipped electronic notetaker that is connected to the Internet.

The site consists of many web pages and documents that cover different aspects of the NLS program. The NLS home page is the anchor to which the other web pages are connected. Items available from the NLS web site include the following:

- welcome message and eligibility information to help interested individuals determine if they qualify for NLS services;
- reference circulars, compilations of current information on topics of interest to persons with disabilities and those who provide services to them;
- reference bibliographies on topics of interest to students, professionals, and others doing research on some aspect of disability;
- factsheets that provide current data about NLS, a publications checklist, and information about specific policies and services;
- directories that list information on libraries that provide reading materials to visually and physically handicapped readers; periodicals available in special media; and volunteers who will transcribe braille, narrate books, or produce

large-print materials;

- Focus on Electronic Information bulletins with information on full-text Internet resources;
- *Frequently Asked Questions*, twenty-five questions and answers about the NLS program;
- news releases, documents concerning digital talking books, and other topical, timely publications;
- laws and regulations that pertain to the national program; and
- an e-mail link and telephone contact number for NLS.

A section titled Other NLS Services leads users to NLS music program circulars and catalogs and gives information about braille transcribing and proofreading instruction, literary braille competency certification, and braille technology. The Newsletters, Technical Papers, and Other Information section provides full-text versions of NLS *News*, *Update*, and *Projects and Experiments* and the text of speeches, technical papers, and other informational items.

Another area of the web site provides links to the home pages of more than eighty cooperating network libraries for blind and physically handicapped individuals.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

**Note:** For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

## Adult Nonfiction

**Help! My Apartment Has a Kitchen Cookbook: One-Hundred-Plus Great Recipes with Foolproof Instructions BR 11515**

by Kevin and Nancy Mills
2 volumes
Mills says he ate out a lot as a college student, until he drained his savings and was forced into the kitchen. In a panic, he called Mom for help. She compiled these simple recipes, with tips and warnings for preparing them. She provided suggestions for basic staples—spices, canned goods, and utensils—to have on hand. 1996.

**Healing Foods BR 11517**

by Miriam Polunin
3 volumes
This practical guide to key foods for good health presents positive steps toward better eating habits. Profiles nutritional and therapeutic values of selected foods. Includes recipes for fifty featured items that are considered most important for a balanced diet. 1997.

**Effort at Speech: New and Selected Poems BR 11533**

by William Meredith
2 volumes
Meredith presents selections from his eight previously published collections, spanning 1944 to 1987, and twelve new poems. Michael Collier explains in the introduction that the title *Effort at Speech* is more than apt because in 1983 a stroke left Meredith with expressive aphasia—a struggle for speech. National Book Award. 1997.

**A Streetcar Named Desire BR 11535**

by Tennessee Williams
1 volume
In this play, a recently widowed, faded southern belle visits her bohemian sister and lusty brother-in-law in the French Quarter of New Orleans. Seeking the lost gentility of her early life, she instead faces a mental breakdown because of the insensitivity of those around her. 1947.

**Second Act: Life after Colostomy and Other Adventures BR 11562**

by Barbara Barrie
2 volumes
The actress known for her work on the sitcoms *Barney Miller* and *Suddenly Susan* describes her experience of being diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 1994, after ignoring symptoms for years. She details the problems and successes

of the surgery and treatments that followed. Some strong language. 1997.

**Cat on a Hot Tin Roof BR 11565**
by Tennessee Williams
2 volumes
A play in which Big Daddy, a rich Mississippi cotton planter, is dying of cancer. On his sixty-fifth birthday, he is surrounded by his family: Big Mama, his loud, garrulous wife; Cooper, his greedy older son; Brick, his younger son who is a withdrawn alcoholic; and his two sons' wives, Mae and Maggie. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Pulitzer Prize. 1955.

**In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great: A Journey from Greece to Asia BR 11570**
by Michael Wood
2 volumes
An account of Alexander the Great's ten-year, twenty-two-thousand-mile expedition, which began in 334 B.C., and his conquest of most of the known world. Retraces the path of his arduous march, recounting historic events and assessing the legendary hero's deep and lasting impact. 1997.

**The Underground Guide to Teenage Sexuality BR 11581**
by Michael J. Basso
2 volumes
A recognized sex educator explains human anatomy, diseases, pregnancy, birth control, and sexuality to help young adults make educated decisions. The author encourages teens to be responsible and to accept the consequences of their actions, while stressing his conviction that abstinence is the best policy. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

***The Myth of Sisyphus* and Other Essays BR 11599**
by Albert Camus
2 volumes
In the title essay, the French philosopher and writer develops an affirmative attitude toward life, even though life is regarded as meaningless and absurd. The other essays also deal with the theme of affirmation in the face of absurdity. 1955.

**The Number Sense: How the Mind Creates Mathematics BR 11610**
by Stanislas Dehaene
3 volumes
The author explains how the structure of the human brain shapes mathematical abilities. Describes psychological studies of the way people understand and manipulate numbers. Reports on experiments involving animals and babies, as well as those who have suffered brain injuries. 1997.

***The New York Times* Book of Science Questions and Answers BR 11619**
by C. Claiborne Ray
2 volumes
Questions divided into sections on hard and soft science include such inquiries as, "Why can you see the moon in the daytime?" "How does a fabric softener sheet work?" and "Are your odds of winning the lottery better if you play the same numbers week after week or if you change the numbers week after week?" 1997.

**College Planning for Dummies BR 11629**
by Pat Ordovensky
4 volumes
A guide to preparing for college. Topics include finding the right institution, visiting the campus, being interviewed for

admission, paying tuition and other costs, and ten common mistakes in planning for higher education. Chapters can be read alone or in sequence. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1997.

**The Rose Tattoo BR 11632**
by Tennessee Williams
1 volume
This play relates, with a touch of humor, the story of a Sicilian widow finding love in a Gulf Coast community. Winner of the 1951 Tony Award for Best Play. 1950.

**When a Parent Has Cancer: A Guide to Caring for Your Children BR 11633**
by Wendy Schlessel Harpham
2 volumes
The author, a physician and mother, describes her experiences raising her children while battling lymphatic cancer and gives advice to others facing the same situation. She includes a story, "Becky and the Worry Cup," that she wrote to help her daughter cope with the illness. 1997.

**The Lunch-Box Chronicles: Notes from the Parenting Underground BR 11635**
by Marion Winik
2 volumes
Two years after her husband's death from AIDS, writer and public radio commentator Winik tells of raising their two small sons on her own and discusses humorously her inability to be the perfect mom. 1998.

**The Tragedy of Richard III BR 11637**
by William Shakespeare
3 volumes
New edition of this historical drama first published in 1594. Richard, duke of Gloucester, is a deceitful, deformed villain who treacherously plots to gain the throne. Includes explanatory notes and an interpretive essay. 1996.

**Summer and Smoke BR 11639**
by Tennessee Williams
1 volume
A play by the twentieth-century American dramatist, telling of the unfulfilled love of a puritanical southern woman who is a minister's daughter. 1948.

**The Nawal El Saadawi Reader BR 11649**
by Nawal Sa'dawi
3 volumes
Collection of twenty-three essays on women's issues written by an Egyptian physician and feminist between 1970 and 1996. Covers topics that affect women worldwide including gender equality in politics, economics, and health; the impact of religious fundamentalism; and how to improve conditions for women. 1997.

**Get a Life: You Don't Need a Million to Retire Well BR 11653**
by Ralph Warner
3 volumes
Advises the reader not to focus exclusively on finances when preparing for retirement, but also to consider such equally important factors as health, spiritual life, interpersonal relationships, and interests outside of work. Interviews with retirees illustrate the importance of this approach. 1996.

**Earth-Shattering Poems BR 11661**
edited by Liz Rosenberg
1 volume
An international selection of more than forty poets presented in chronological order. Includes Sappho of ancient Greece, Charles Baudelaire of France, Pablo Neruda of Chile, and J.E. Wei of Taiwan. The editor chose poems that

"shook" her. For junior and senior high readers. 1998.

**Imperfect Control: Our Lifelong Struggles with Power and Surrender BR 11673**
by Judith Viorst
4 volumes
Discusses issues of control that permeate nearly all facets of human existence. In ten chapters covering different phases of life from birth to death, Viorst examines situations to determine what is uncontrollable and when to exert choice. Topics include self-possession, sex, couples, parenthood, and the workplace. Some strong language. 1998.

**Aphrodite: A Memoir of the Senses BR 11693**
by Isabel Allende
3 volumes
In this memoir written during her fiftieth year, Allende reflects on her relationship with food and eroticism. Combines research with personal experience. Focuses on food as an aphrodisiac and its effects on lovemaking. Includes select recipes for two portions. Descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

**An Intelligent Person's Guide to Philosophy BR 11707**
by Roger Scruton
2 volumes
British philosopher encourages readers to think about issues such as truth, freedom, morality, and God rather than merely studying the history of philosophy. 1996.

**101 Classic Jewish Jokes: Jewish Humor from Groucho Marx to Jerry Seinfeld BR 11731**
by Robert Menchin
1 volume
An explanation of the origins of Jewish humor followed by sample jokes. Includes some common Yiddish terms and birth names of famous Jewish comedians. 1998.

**Helen Keller: Humanitarian BR 11732**
by Lois P. Nicholson
1 volume
Biography of Helen Keller, who became blind and deaf at nineteen months as a result of illness. Covers her birth in 1880 through her death in 1968. Describes her education under her private teacher Anne Sullivan, her formal schooling, and her career. Includes an introduction by Jerry Lewis. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Roasts and Toasts: Snappy One-Liners for Every Occasion BR 11735**
by Gene Perret
1 volume
Gives examples of humorous toasts for speeches and parties. The ideas are arranged by guest and occasion: the boss, retirement, weddings, birthdays, and more. 1997.

**Gray Pancakes and Gold Horses BR 11746**
edited by Kenneth Jernigan
1 volume
Members of the National Federation of the Blind discuss various aspects of being blind. An attorney writes about the importance of learning about body language and others describe how their "educated fingers" make them adept at skills such as sewing. 1998.

# Adult Fiction

**Daniel's Gift BR 11411**
by Barbara Freethy
3 volumes
Twelve-year-old Daniel St. Claire longs to meet his father, Luke Sheridan, head

of a California biotech company. But his mother, Jenny, wants nothing to do with Luke, who left her for his career. Then, after attempting a reunion, Danny is hurt in a terrible accident. As he lies unconscious in the hospital, Danny's parents try to make amends. Some strong language. 1996.

**Keeper BR 11413**
by Greg Rucka
3 volumes
While accompanying his girlfriend to an abortion clinic, bodyguard Atticus Kodiak is approached by Dr. Felice Romero. She wants to hire Kodiak and his colleagues to protect her and her daughter (who has Down's syndrome) from an increasingly threatening group of antiabortionists. Strong language and violence. 1996.

**The Cat Who Sang for the Birds BR 11444**
by Lilian Jackson Braun
2 volumes
An elderly widow dies in a house fire after promising to leave her farm to the county. When a young artist also dies suspiciously, Qwilleran suspects that more than spring has arrived in Pickax. Meanwhile the Siamese cats Koko and Yum Yum enjoy a gazebo that has been built for their bird-watching pleasure. Bestseller 1998.

**Christine BR 11479**
by Stephen King
5 volumes
Chilling, macabre love tragedy set in 1978 in Pittsburgh centers on teenage misfit Arnie Cunningham and his devotion to and ultimate possession by his '58 Plymouth Fury, "Christine." Eerie things happen from the day that Arnie buys the car for $250 from creepy old Roland D. LeBay. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1983.

**Endymion BR 11481**
by Dan Simmons
5 volumes
Two hundred forty-seven years after events in the *Fall of Hyperion (BR 8684)*, the WorldWeb is divided into many kingdoms, and the military wing of the Catholic Church is in charge. Aenea, eleven, emerges from the Time Tombs to challenge the church authorities. Raul Endymion is snatched from death to assist her. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

**The History of Rasselas, Prince of Abissinia BR 11519**
by Samuel Johnson
2 volumes
Allegory written in 1759 upon the death of the author's mother. Tells how the prince escapes from his happy valley in quest of a satisfactory object in life but returns to his paradise accepting human limitations. 1759.

**Sense and Sensibility BR 11520**
by Jane Austen
3 volumes
Written in the 1790s as *Elinor and Marianne* and published in 1811 under the current title, this tale of two sisters provides a portrait of upper- and middle-class English society. The two Dashwood women, forced to live in reduced circumstances, each search for the right marriage partner—one relying on common sense, the other on romantic emotion. 1992.

**Pride and Prejudice BR 11521**
by Jane Austen
3 volumes
A comedy of manners, first published in

1813, concerning two of the five Bennet sisters, Elizabeth and Jane, and their courtships played out in the drawing rooms of Regency England. Elizabeth and her proud suitor, Mr. Darcy, spar verbally about their relationship and social circumstances. The sisters' comments on each other's romances help convey the author's views on life and love. 1996.

**Mr. Midshipman Hornblower BR 11552**
by C.S. Forester
2 volumes
Horatio Hornblower of the British Royal Navy faces a series of adventurous episodes in his early career. His quick thinking, brilliant intuition, and decisiveness leave him with the rank of lieutenant. Prequel to *Lieutenant Hornblower (BR 11553)*. 1948.

**Lieutenant Hornblower BR 11553**
by C.S. Forester
2 volumes (Reissue)
In this sequel to *Mr. Midshipman Hornblower (BR 11552)*, Horatio Hornblower emerges from his apprenticeship as a midshipman to assume the responsibilities forced upon him by the war between Napoleon and Spain. Also follows his career on board HMS *Renown* up to his promotion to captain. 1951.

**Hornblower and the *Hotspur* BR 11554**
by C.S. Forester
3 volumes
Commander Hornblower marries in England and soon afterward sails for duty off the French coast. War breaks out with France, involving Hornblower in several sea battles and in a land raid, which destroys a French signal station. Sequel to *Lieutenant Hornblower (BR 11553)*. 1962.

**Beat to Quarters BR 11555**
by C.S. Forester
2 volumes
June 1808. Captain Hornblower and his men are aboard the HMS *Lydia* off the coast of Nicaragua. He has been given several orders to carry out or face a court martial. One of his tasks is to find a water route across Central America, and as a result, he is transporting Lady Wellesley to Panama. Sequel to *Hornblower and the Atrops (BR 7081)*. 1938.

**Ship of the Line BR 11556**
by C.S. Forester
2 volumes
May 1810. Horatio Hornblower is now in command of his first ship, the HMS *Sutherland*, but he has one major problem—the crew is short by about 250 men. He hires any men who are willing and has them trained well enough to stage five solo raids against the French army and navy along the coast of Spain. Sequel to *Beat to Quarters (BR 11555)*. 1938.

**Flying Colours BR 11557**
by C.S. Forester
2 volumes
In this sequel to *Ship of the Line (BR 11556)*, Captain Hornblower, having surrendered his ship, finds himself in a French prison facing possible execution. If he manages to escape, he still must deal with a court martial in England. 1938.

**Commodore Hornblower BR 11558**
by C.S. Forester
3 volumes
The old sea dog Horatio Hornblower is entrusted with a delicate mission to Russia, neatly threading the tangle of Baltic politics in the year 1812 in this

sequel to *Flying Colours (BR 11557)*. 1945.

**Lord Hornblower BR 11559**
by C.S. Forester
2 volumes
The Hornblower saga continues as the intrepid commodore becomes a peer of the realm by quelling a mutiny and concluding his private war with Napoleon. Incidentally, he rekindles his romance with the lovely French Marie. Sequel to *Commodore Hornblower (BR 11558)*. 1946.

**Welcome to the Ark BR 11564**
by Stephanie S. Tolan
2 volumes
In a chaotic future world, four highly intelligent teenagers communicate telepathically with other youth around the globe in an experimental program for troubled children. Eight years later, as adults, the group use their mental powers to stop violence in their environment. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

**An Acquaintance with Darkness BR 11566**
by Ann Rinaldi
2 volumes
Washington, D.C., 1865. Emily Pigbush, orphaned at fourteen, goes to live with her Uncle Valentine, a physician. She is shocked to discover that he and his colleagues rob graves in order to study anatomy. Even more frightening is her realization that the family of her best friend, Annie Surratt, is involved in the assassination of President Lincoln. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

**Thin Ice BR 11573**
by Marsha Qualey
2 volumes
Arden's parents died in a plane crash when she was six, and her brother, Scott, dropped out of college to raise her. Now Arden is seventeen and Scott has disappeared, presumably drowned in a snowmobile accident. But Arden has reason to believe Scott has run away, and she's determined to find him. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

**The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone BR 11585**
by Tennessee Williams
1 volume
American Mrs. Stone—former actress, wealthy, middle-aged, and widowed—is biding her time in Rome when the Contessa, a female pimp, introduces her to Paolo, a handsome young gigolo. At first, Mrs. Stone laments her fading beauty and the end of her stage career. Then she muses on the demise of her way of life and of her husband, and enjoys her current affair. Finally, Mrs. Stone must deal with her attempt to replace real life with fantasy. 1950.

**Israel: A Traveler's Literary Companion BR 11586**
edited by Michael Gluzman and Naomi Seidman
2 volumes
Sixteen short stories from different locales in Israel. Depicting contemporary life in popular tourist locations, the selections give travelers a view of places they may plan to visit. All are translations from Hebrew. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

**The Ex BR 11587**
by John Lutz
2 volumes
David Jones lives in Manhattan with his wife and young son. Then Deirdre,

whom he divorced five years ago, unexpectedly turns up and wants to be friends. John doesn't realize that Deirdre has escaped from a mental institution and has come for revenge. Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

**The Hobbit; or, There and Back Again BR 11595**
by J.R.R. Tolkien
3 volumes
The wandering wizard Gandalf recruits Bilbo Baggins, a Hobbit, to be the fourteenth member of an expedition. Hobbits prefer comfort to adventures, but Bilbo joins the quest and encounters many perils, including a dragon. For junior and senior high readers. 1966.

**Don't Erase Me BR 11598**
by Carolyn Ferrell
2 volumes
Stories about young people of the urban underclass—mostly poor, black, or biracial and from broken or dysfunctional families. In "Proper Library," a black teenage boy, who is responsible for the care of several younger siblings, is shunned by his classmates because of his homosexuality. Strong language. 1997.

**Hero BR 11600**
by S.L. Rottman
2 volumes
Fifteen-year-old Sean is sent to a farm for a week's community service for fighting. Abandoned by his father and raised by an abusive mother, Sean finds acceptance and peace with the animals and the farmer, Mr. Hassler. With the help of some concerned adults, Sean is able to look forward to a better future. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

**Secret Star BR 11601**
by Nancy Springer
1 volume
Tess, fourteen, has lived alone with her stepfather since her mother died and has no memory of her childhood. Daddy is poor and uses a wheelchair, but Tess is happy at home until she meets Kamo—a young drifter who thinks they may be related. Some strong language and some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

**The Good Brother BR 11640**
by Chris Offutt
3 volumes
After avenging his brother's murder, Virgil Caudill flees to Montana, leaving behind his family, friends, and Kentucky home. Pursued by relatives of his victim, Virgil joins an antigovernment militia group and is drawn into a violent confrontation with federal agents. Strong language and violence. 1997.

**Billy Gashade BR 11641**
by Loren D. Estleman
3 volumes
In 1863 a sixteen-year-old boy from a prominent family is caught up in the New York City Draft Riots. Fleeing retribution from the Tammany Hall gang, the boy becomes Billy Gashade, a musician in saloons and pleasure houses out west. Throughout his years wandering from place to place, Billy meets characters who become legends: Calamity Jane, Chief Crazy Horse, and Billy the Kid, to name a few. Some violence. 1997.

**The Players: A Novel of the Young Shakespeare BR 11666**
by Stephanie Cowell
2 volumes
Fictional portrayal of William Shake-

speare as a young man. An impoverished playwright and actor in London, Shakespeare is caught in a love triangle between his Italian mistress, Emilia Bassano, and his patron, the young earl of Southampton. Includes historical notes. Descriptions of sex. 1997.

**The Queen of October BR 11667**
by Shelley Fraser Mickle
2 volumes
1959, Coldwater, Arkansas. Thirteen-year-old Sally is sent to live with her grandparents after the "bust-up" of her parents' marriage. Embarrassed by the divorce and the upcoming custody battle, Sally is looking forward to leaving Memphis to return to her sleepy hometown and the people she has always known. 1989.

**Legacy of Silence BR 11671**
by Belva Plain
3 volumes
When it becomes obvious that World War II is imminent, Caroline Hartzinger and her adopted older sister, Lore, flee from Berlin to Geneva. Walter, who plans to wed Caroline, goes with them. Life takes a dramatic turn and Caroline and Lore escape to America alone but their time in Switzerland provides a legacy that affects several generations. Bestseller 1998.

**The Moon and the Sun BR 11672**
by Vonda N. McIntyre
4 volumes
At the command of King Louis XIV, a Jesuit natural philosopher captures a female sea monster, thought to hold the secret to immortality. The Jesuit's sister understands the creature's songs, realizes that she is a thinking, feeling being, and befriends her. Protecting the sea lady leads to confrontations with the king and even the pope. 1997.

**The Captive Voice: Daybreak Mysteries, Volume 2 BR 11675**
by B.J. Hoff
2 volumes
While honeymooning on Lake Erie, Jennifer Kaine and her husband Daniel, who is blind, meet Christian singer Vali Tremayne. Vali retired after the death of her fiancé. Now it appears that her life is also in danger. With the help of God, the Kaines lend Vali their support. Sequel to *Storm at Daybreak (BR 11674)*. 1987.

**The Tangled Web: Daybreak Mysteries, Volume 3 BR 11676**
by B.J. Hoff
2 volumes
Jennifer and Daniel Kaine are in the process of converting a West Virginia farm into a Christian summer camp for disabled youth. A hoodlum on the run from the mob turns up with the two children of his murdered boss. The Kaines offer shelter and prepare for the hit men to arrive. Sequel to *The Captive Voice (BR 11675)*. 1988.

**Vow of Silence: Daybreak Mysteries, Volume 4 BR 11677**
by B.J. Hoff
2 volumes
Jennifer and Daniel Kaine welcome two newcomers to Shepherd Valley, West Virginia. Whitney Sharyn, the deaf director of an organization for disabled people, hopes to escape her past, and Michael Devlin wants to help her. When Whitney's former boyfriend tracks her down and begins to stalk her, her faith is tested. Sequel to *The Tangled Web (BR 11676)*. 1988.

**Dark River Legacy: Daybreak Mysteries, Volume 5 BR 11678**
by B.J. Hoff
2 volumes
Jennifer and Daniel Kaine travel to Kentucky to help a friend, Mitch Donovan, organize the annual Heritage Arts Festival. Mitch is currently sheltering an elderly homeless woman who has amnesia. But someone is stalking her with plans of murder. Sequel to *Vow of Silence (BR 11677)*. 1990.

**One Went to Denver and the Other Went Wrong: Code of the West, Book 2 BR 11679**
by Stephen Bly
2 volumes
As Tap Andrews reminds the bounty hunters who shot at him, the code of honor in Colorado in the 1880s gives him the right to fire back. With so many men gunning for him, Tap strives to clear his record with the law so he can safely marry Pepper Paige. Then he learns that she has a past, too. Sequel to *It's Your Misfortune and None of My Own (BR 10126)*. 1995.

**Don't Scream BR 11684**
by Joan Lowery Nixon
1 volume
Jess and her friend Lori are thrilled when two new boys enroll in their small-town high school. Mark has moved in next door to Jess, and Lori quickly strikes up a friendship with Scott. What the girls don't realize is that one of the two is a sociopath and in the Federal Witness Protection Program. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Forged by Fire BR 11688**
by Sharon M. Draper
1 volume
The day before his ninth birthday, Gerald's world changes again. For the past six years he has been living with Aunt Queen while his mother was in prison for child abuse. Now she is re-entering his life, along with a half sister, Angel, and a stepfather. Realizing that Angel is being abused by her father, Gerald tries to protect her. Companion to *Tears of a Tiger (BR 10779)*. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

**Thirty-Three Moments of Happiness: St. Petersburg Stories BR 11689**
by Ingo Schulze
2 volumes
Vignettes affording glimpses into the harsh and seamy side of Russian life, believed to be the writings of a German businessman who frequented the city. Moment 22 describes a day in the life of an office worker, Viktoria Federovna; other moments are more bizarre. Some explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 1998.

**Whistle Me Home BR 11690**
by Barbara Wersba
1 volume
Being a tomboy, Noli is surprised when the new boy in school asks her out. She soon discovers that TJ is truly her soul mate and falls deeply in love with him. Noli is disappointed when, even after months, their relationship is still chaste. Then TJ confesses his sexual orientation to her. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

**Celibates and Other Lovers BR 11694**
by Walter Keady
2 volumes
Growing up in post-World War II rural Ireland, sixteen-year-old Phelim O'Brien attempts to distance himself from carnal temptation by becoming a priest. Amid the tumult of changing social mores, O'Brien's vow of celibacy is severely tested. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1997.

**Striking Out BR 11696**
by Will Weaver
2 volumes
Billy Baggs, at thirteen, does the work of a full-grown man on his father's Minnesota farm. When the coach sees how strong Billy's arm is, he recruits him for summer baseball, chores willing. Prequel to *Farm Team (BR 10506)*. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

**Hard Ball: A Billy Baggs Novel BR 11697**
by Will Weaver
2 volumes
In this sequel to *Farm Team (BR 10506)*, Billy Baggs and King Kenwood are still baseball rivals. When their competition brews into a fight over beautiful classmate Suzy Langen, the coach orders the boys to spend a week at each other's house. The move provides insights about their different lifestyles and common problems. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1998.

**The Return Journey BR 11702**
by Maeve Binchy
1 volume
Fourteen short stories concerning personal relationships. In "The Return Journey," a daughter returns to her mother's native Irish village. In "The Business Trip," Lena has been in love with her boss for years until she travels with him. 1998.

**High Crimes BR 11706**
by Joseph Finder
3 volumes
When the FBI tries to arrest Tom Chapman, his wife, Claire Heller, a Harvard law professor, learns that Tom is really army sergeant Ron Kubik, a fugitive for thirteen years. Claire defends her husband at his court-martial because she is determined to know the truth about him. Some strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1998.

**Amerika BR 11733**
by Franz Kafka
2 volumes
Written in German in 1927, this novel expresses the author's rejection of the capitalist system. Karl Rossmann, a young immigrant to America, is snubbed by his relatives, robbed by tramps, and ridiculed in his attempt to find work. Includes an introduction by E.L. Doctorow. 1938.

**A Killing Frost BR 11739**
by John Marsden
2 volumes
In this sequel to *The Dead of Night (BR 11708)*, six months have passed since the small group of Australian teens went into hiding after their community was seized by enemies. Their attempts to gather information and help the captured become more and more daring. Some violence and some strong language. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1995.

**All through the Night BR 11744**
by Mary Higgins Clark
1 volume
It has been seven years since Sondra Lewis left her newborn baby in front of

a church; simultaneously, Lenny Centino was stealing a chalice from it. Now as amateur sleuth Alvirah Meehan tries to help the church's priest and nuns save their after-school haven, she uncovers a connection between those events and a child at the center. Best-seller 1998.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Children's Nonfiction

**The Sea King's Daughter: A Russian Legend BR 11043**
retold by Aaron Shepard
1 volume
Young Sadko is a poor man who loves his Russian city of Novgorod the Great and his life as a musician. But he longs for a woman's love and companionship. One day the Sea King rises from the river to offer him riches and a beautiful wife if Sadko will give up his beloved home and live under the sea. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 1997.

**Joseph BR 11047**
by Brian Wildsmith
1 volume
Retells the Old Testament story of Joseph and his brothers. Because his father favors Joseph with a beautiful multicolored coat, Joseph's brothers become jealous and sell Joseph into Egyptian slavery. Years later, Joseph has a chance to teach his brothers lessons about love and kindness. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3 and older readers. 1997.

**Boy: Tales of Childhood BR 11563**
by Roald Dahl
1 volume
The esteemed novelist, short story writer, and author of children's books presents vignettes from his childhood. "Some are funny. Some are painful. Some are unpleasant. . . . All are true." For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1984.

**I Was Born a Slave: The Story of Harriet Jacobs BR 11574**
by Jennifer Fleischner
1 volume
When Harriet was six years old, her mother died, and Harriet learned that she was a slave who belonged to a white mistress. The mistress taught Harriet to read and write but did not grant her freedom. Harriet suffered many hardships before finally becoming free. Based on Harriet Jacobs's autobiography published in 1861. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade against Child Labor BR 11589**
by Russell Freedman
1 volume
Documents the abuse of child laborers in factories, fields, mills, mines, and streets of the United States in the early 1900s by tracing the career of professional photographer Lewis Hine. Hine's work raised public awareness and helped change the nation's laws to protect young people under age sixteen. For grades 5-8. 1994.

**God's Story BR 11602**
by Jan Mark
1 volume
Twelve Bible stories from the Old Testament retold for modern readers. Includes the story of the Creation, Cain and Abel, Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark, Moses, the parting of the Red Sea, Joseph, and others. For grades 6-9. 1997.

**Girl Talk: Staying Strong, Feeling Good, Sticking Together BR 11634**
by Judith Harlan
1 volume
A guide to teen living emphasizing friendship, fashion, school smarts, and feminism. Advises girls to enjoy life and have new, positive experiences. Includes resource list. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**Biggest Riddle Book in the World BR 11691**
by Joseph Rosenbloom
2 volumes
Collection of more than two thousand riddles compiled by a children's librarian. Topics include warm-ups, goodies and baddies, fooling Mother Nature, riddles for thinkers, weird characters, and super stumpers. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1976.

**Black Whiteness: Admiral Byrd Alone in the Antarctic BR 11695**
by Robert Burleigh
1 volume
True-life adventure of Richard Byrd, who spent six months alone in the Antarctic in 1934. Includes excerpts from Byrd's diary recounting the incredible cold and discomfort he suffered. Describes how Byrd used a kite for rescue. For grades 4-7. 1998.

**Depression BR 11704**
by Alvin Silverstein and others
1 volume
Defines depression, its diagnosis, treatment, and prevention. Includes a brief question-and-answer segment, a glossary, and a list of resources including Internet sites. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1997.

**Martian Fossils on Earth? The Story of Meteorite ALH 84001 BR 11709**
by Fred Bortz
1 volume
Bortz explores the possibility that Meteorite ALH 84001, found in the Allan Hills area of Antarctica in 1984, provides an answer to the age-old question of whether life exists on Mars. The author discusses the scientific methods of examining the four-pound, potato-shaped stone and its impact on the scientific community. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1997.

**Louis Braille: Inventor BR 11716**
by Jennifer Fisher Bryant
1 volume
Recounts the life of Louis Braille who, at fifteen, created a system of raised dots that allows blind persons to read and write. Describes Braille's childhood, the accident that caused his blindness, the support he received from his family, and

his education, which led to his creation of the braille alphabet. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1994.

**Native American Literature BR 11729**
by Katherine Gleason
1 volume
Introduction to the literary history of Native Americans, beginning with the oral traditions from before European settlers arrived in North America. Presents important authors and their major works depicting their cultural heritage. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1997.

**Just What the Doctor Ordered: The History of American Medicine BR 11730**
by Brandon Marie Miller
1 volume
Illustrates the changes in medical practices in the United States since Europeans first settled here. Recalls the first medical school opening in 1765 and the fact that George Washington, suffering from a sore throat, died from prescribed bleeding in 1799. Attributes improvements in medicine to better education, upgraded sanitation practices, and the discovery of vaccines. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**Loaves of Fun: A History of Bread with Activities and Recipes from around the World BR 11734**
by Elizabeth M. Harbison
1 volume
This history of bread begins in Asia in 73,000 B.C. and continues through Mesopotamia and Switzerland, then on to Egypt and Europe, and finally to America in the 1600s. Recipes interspersed throughout the history include drop biscuits, challah, Amish friendship bread, French bread, and Sally Lunn bread. For grades 4-7. 1997.

**How Spiders Make Their Webs BR 11760**
by Jill Bailey
1 volume
Explains spiders' ability to create webs and describes specialized uses of webs—as trapdoors and diving bells, for example. Discusses how the silk produced to make webs also provides spiders' homes, protects their eggs, and signals an invitation to potential mates. For grades 3-6. 1997.

# Children's Fiction

**Lucky Song BR 11046**
by Vera B. Williams
1 volume
Evie is a lucky little girl who usually gets what she wants. When she wants something new to wear, she finds a new hat; when she wants something new to play with, her grandfather makes her a kite; and when she wants something to eat, her grandmother has it ready for her. And when Evie wants a song at bedtime, her father sings to her. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1997.

**Hiding Mr. McMulty BR 11583**
by Berniece Rabe
2 volumes
Rass is not yet twelve when he faces difficult choices. In a flash flood on his family's Missouri farm, he chooses to save his father instead of the mules. Since it is 1937 and the Ku Klux Klan is powerful, Rass must consider the risk to himself and his family if he helps an African American friend elude the hate

group. Some violence. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**Gallows Hill BR 11590**
by Lois Duncan
2 volumes
When her mother marries, Californian Sarah Zoltanne is forced to spend her senior year in a small Missouri town. At the Halloween festival, Sarah reluctantly agrees to play fortune teller. Using her Hungarian grandmother's crystal ball, Sarah really sees things that frighten her—especially when they happen. Some violence. For grades 6-9. 1997.

**Treehouse Tales BR 11638**
by Anne Isaacs
1 volume
Three stories about Tom, Emily, and Natty, who are growing up on a Pennsylvania farm in the 1880s. In the first, Tom takes care of a dragon that Natty is certain lives in the trunk of their tree house. The next recounts Emily's horse-riding adventure, and the last tells of Pa's plans to buy sheep and build a ranch for Natty's future. For grades 3-6. 1997.

**Liza's Star Wish BR 11642**
by Diane Stevens
1 volume
A year after her sister's death in *Liza's Blue Moon (BR 10585)*, Liza is forced to spend the summer in a small Texas town helping to take care of her ailing grandmother. As Liza reluctantly makes new friends, she's surprised by the changes in her relationships with family members and old friends. For grades 6-9. 1997.

**The Secret Life of Amanda K. Woods BR 11698**
by Ann Cameron
1 volume
Just before Amanda's only friend, Lyle, moves away, the two eleven-year-olds use a technique from a comic book to exchange hands in order to remain close. Amanda uses her new right hand and some advice from her "perfect" older sister to guide her through the awkward, friendless time that follows. For grades 4-7. 1998.

**Jacob Two-Two's First Spy Case BR 11701**
by Mordecai Richler
1 volume
Jacob Two-Two is called that because he has to say everything twice to be heard in his large family. Even so, nobody listens when he complains that the new principal is serving horrid meals at school. Jacob must turn to his new neighbor, master spy Mr. Dinglebat, for help. For grades 3-6. 1995.

**There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly BR 12003**
by Simms Taback
1 volume
Recounts the tale of an old lady who swallows a fly and then goes on to swallow numerous other animals until she swallows a horse—and dies, of course. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1997.

**Mouse Mess BR 12004**
by Linnea Riley
1 volume
The sleeping little mouse wakes up when the family goes to bed. Since he is very hungry, he goes to the kitchen where he finds cookies and crackers,

milk and cheese, and peanut butter and jam. And when he is full, he goes back to bed. But what a mess he has made. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1997.

**Cuckoo: A Mexican Folktale (Cucú: Un Cuento Folklórico Mexicano) BR 12006**
by Lois Ehlert
1 volume
A beautiful cuckoo bird proves that she is also brave when a fire starts in the farm fields. Based on a Mayan Indian tale. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. Bilingual edition in English and Spanish. 1997.

# Foreign Language Book

## Spanish

**Controle Su Diabetes: Guía para el Cuidado de Su Salud BR 11450**
por Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos de los Estados Unidos
1 volumen
Guía para personas que llegan por primera vez en edad adulta a padecer de la diabetes. Apunta cómo evitar las complicaciones mèdicas describiendo los posibles problems y cómo evitarlos. Da enfasís a la necesidad de cooperar con profesionales de salud para controlar el nivel de glucosa en la sangre. (A guide for people with adult-onset diabetes to help prevent complications. Describes potential problems and how to avoid them. Stresses the need to work with a health-care team to control the blood glucose level.) 1997.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Conundrum** (British monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])
**Harper's** (literary; monthly)
**Health Newsletters** (includes **Harvard Health Letter, Mayo Clinic Health Letter,** and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter**; monthly)
**Inside Sports** (monthly)

**Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine** (monthly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Martha Stewart Living** (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
**Muse** (for children; 6 issues)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**The *New York Times* Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
**PC World** (personal computing; monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
**Rolling Stone** (popular culture; 26 issues)
**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)
**Short Stories** (British monthly)
**Spider: The Magazine for Children** (monthly)
**Stone Soup** (children's writings; 5 issues)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)
**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

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# In Brief

## Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

**New releases**. The **1999 Area Code Handbook**, covering national and international cities and states, is available from the National Braille Press (NBP). The information was provided by Lucent Technologies for this two-volume braille publication, which was released in March 1999 and costs $8.95.

The ***Menopause Guidebook*** is also available from NBP. It discusses the types of hormone replacement therapy, their side effects, who should take them, and why they should be considered. Underwritten by the North American Menopause Society, the cost for the two braille volumes is $6.

***Shapely-CAL***, developed by Creative Adaptations for Learning (CAL), is a book of poetry—in large print and braille—as well as a book of tactile graphics. It is designed to teach blind children about squares, triangles, circles, and wavy lines. Shapely-CAL literally rises up to introduce children to the shapes that make up the world—from raindrops to footballs. The single volume is available from NBP for $36. The Teacher and Parent Guide is $5 more.

To order any of the above listed items, write the National Braille Press, 88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115 or call 1-800-548-7323.

**The Braille Authority of North America (BANA) announces new publication.** *The Braille Code for Chemical Notation*, 1997, is now available from the American Printing House for the Blind. The order number for braille is 5-16900-00 and the order number for print is 7-16900-00. The cost is $16.00 each. To request copies, call 1-800-223-1839 and press 1 for "sales."

The following information is reprinted from *Talking Book Topics, July–August 1999.*

## In Brief

# NLS Focuses on Digital Book Technology

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) continues its major development program on digital technology. Several efforts are underway:

- A project to place 2,500 braille books in digitally accessible format on the Internet for use by NLS patrons;
- Under the auspices of the National Information Standards Organization (NISO), a prototype electronic coding of the text of a book using draft NISO Digital Talking Book standards;
- Installation of the first digital audio duplicating and archiving system at an NLS facility; and
- Development of a digital recording system at the NLS Recording Studio.

In July 1998 NLS published a comprehensive paper, *Digital Talking Books: Planning for the Future*, that outlines the steps required for NLS to move its national library service into digital format. The paper is available in large print from the NLS Reference Section, Washington, DC 20542 and may be accessed online from the NLS web site, www.loc.gov/nls

# Scourby Awards Announced

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) presented its thirteenth Alexander Scourby Narrator of the Year Awards to honor excellence in talking-book narration. AFB awarded prizes to narrators for three categories: fiction, nonfiction, and periodicals. The award-winning narrators are Robert Blumenfeld, AFB, for fiction; Lisette Lecat, AFB, for nonfiction; and Butch Hoover, American Printing House for the Blind, for periodicals. The annual Scourby Award was established in 1986 in memory of the popular talking-book narrator who died in 1985.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

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## Adult Nonfiction

**The Art of Cooking for the Diabetic BR 11438**
by Mary Abbott Hess
5 volumes
Revised edition containing information on diabetes and its management, based on 1994 recommendations of the American Diabetes Association. Includes advice on exercise, alcohol, dining out, and eating while traveling; recipes for soups, breads, meats, poultry, seafood, eggs, cheese, yogurt, pastas, and desserts. 1996.

**The Best of *Outside*: The First Twenty Years BR 11567**
by *Outside* Magazine Staff
5 volumes
Thirty-one essays recount experiences and interactions with nature. Written by a variety of enthusiasts, the pieces depict outdoor and ecological activities. Mountain climbing, hunting, fishing, and systematically removing plastic bags from the tops of trees in New York City are a few of the topics presented. Some strong language. 1997.

**The First Moderns: Profiles in the Origins of Twentieth-Century Thought BR 11603**
by William R. Everdell
6 volumes
An overview of the intellectual forces that precipitated modernism, when a new "world view...gave rise to speed, industry, [and] world markets." Surveys key thinkers in academia, science, and the arts, describing their role in helping to usher in the modern era between 1870 and 1914. 1997.

**Sweet Bird of Youth BR 11636**
by Tennessee Williams
1 volume
Classic play concerning a gigolo who returns to his southern hometown with an aging, drug-ridden actress in tow. Some strong language and some violence. 1959.

**Sigmund Freud: Explorer of the Unconscious BR 11643**
by Margaret Muckenhoupt
2 volumes
A biography of Sigmund Freud, the creator of psychoanalysis, with details of his controversial theories about the human mind. Includes some criticism of his ideas, especially about women. Describes his work in the context of his time. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

**The Handbook of the Former Soviet Union BR 11644**
by Michael G. Kort
2 volumes
A history and description of the fifteen nations that arose out of the former Soviet Union, including Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, and the states of the Baltic, Transcaucasus, and Central Asian regions. Includes a chronology of the post-Soviet era and a brief encyclopedia describing major leaders and geographic features. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

**The Fossil Trail: How We Know What We Think We Know about Human Evolution BR 11663**
by Ian Tattersall
3 volumes
A survey of fossil and artifactual evidence that has enlightened the scientific understanding of human evolution. Traces archaeological discoveries from Darwin's time, describing their significance in supporting theories about the origins and development of humankind. 1995.

**First Intermissions: Twenty-One Great Operas Explored, Explained, and Brought to Life from the Met BR 11664**
by M. Owen Lee
2 volumes
Based on commentaries originally presented during the first intermissions of Saturday afternoon Metropolitan Opera broadcasts. Father Lee, a professor of classics, analyzes and interprets works by Mozart, Verdi, Wagner, Puccini, and Strauss. 1995.

**Music Minus One BR 11686**
by Jane Shore
1 volume
The poet writes about her life—her Jewish childhood and adolescence in post-World War II New Jersey, the birth of her daughter, and the deaths of her parents. 1996.

**And There Was Light: Autobiography of Jacques Lusseyran, Blind Hero of the French Resistance BR 11692**
by Jacques Lusseyran
2 volumes
Lusseyran describes his life up to the age of twenty. Blinded at seven, he was a teenager when the Nazis invaded France. After he joined the Resistance, his group was turned in by informers and imprisoned. He tells of surviving in a German concentration camp until the war's end. 1963.

**You Don't Have to Be Blind to See BR 11699**
by Jim Stovall
3 volumes
The author, blind before the age of thirty as a result of juvenile macular degeneration, encourages others to achieve through their dreams. Using examples from his own life, Stovall suggests that people can succeed by changing the way they think. He recommends that once a path is decided, people should find mentors to help them along the way. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

**Return to Spirit Lake: Journey through a Lost Landscape BR 11700**
by Christine Colasurdo
3 volumes
More than a decade after the 1980 eruption of Washington state's Mount St. Helens, a woman returns to the site of her family's cabin on nearby Spirit Lake. While touring the area, she reminisces about the way things were in her youth and describes the radical changes in the landscape. 1997.

**The Autobiography of a Tibetan Monk**
**BR 11736**
by Gyatso Palden
2 volumes
Memoir of a Tibetan born in 1933 who became a Buddhist monk at age ten. His peaceful life ended in 1950, when the Chinese invaded Tibet. Describes his arrest with other monks at Gadong monastery in 1959 and the starvation, torture, and reeducation sessions during his thirty years in prison. After his release, he escaped to India to inform the Dalai Lama and the world of Chinese abuse of Tibetan prisoners. 1997.

**The Life of Poetry BR 11738**
by Muriel Rukeyser
2 volumes
Discusses poetry as an exercise that can help people enhance their consciousness of the world around them. The author considers great poetry to be a transfer of energy from the poet to the reader. First published in 1949, based on lectures given between 1940 and 1948. 1996.

**Ray Charles: Voice of Soul BR 11750**
by David Ritz
1 volume
Biography of musical genius Ray Charles, who was left sightless by glaucoma as a child. While a student at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Charles learned to read and write music in braille. Describes his personal and professional struggles, including drug addiction, as well as his triumphs. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1994.

**The Life and Times of Fidel Castro**
**BR 11752**
by Esther Selsdon
1 volume
Provides a brief overview of the Cuban leader from his birth in 1926 until the mid-1980s. Focuses on his role as political revolutionary. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**The Life and Times of Mother Teresa**
**BR 11753**
by Tanya Rice
1 volume
Biography of the nun who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. Covers her childhood in Albania, her decision at eighteen to become a missionary nun, and her work in India. Obeying an "inner command" to serve the poor, she founded a new order, the Missionaries of Charity. Discusses the growth of her work and her worldwide contributions. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**Napoleon Hill's Keys to Positive Thinking: Ten Steps to Health, Wealth, and Success**
**BR 11769**
by Napoleon Hill and Michael J. Ritt
1 volume
Argues that achieving a positive mental attitude is possible through practice. Presents a ten-step formula with practical advice and affirmations by famous people. 1998.

**Mars and Venus Starting Over: A Practical Guide for Finding Love Again after a Painful Breakup, Divorce, or the Loss of a Loved One BR 11781**
by John Gray
2 volumes
The author of *Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus (BR 9230)* offers suggestions on opening one's self to love after the death of a mate or after a divorce. Describes the healing process common to both men and women. Explains the differences in the ways males and females resolve loss. Bestseller 1998.

**Great Careers for People Concerned about the Environment BR 11784**
by Lesley Grant
1 volume
Profiles careers in environmental protection and related fields, including engineering, science, enforcement, law, and health. Describes a typical day in the lives of workers and the educational requirements of each profession. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

**Great Careers for People Who Want to Be Entrepreneurs BR 11786**
by Jim Lang
1 volume
Profiles of individuals who have become successful entrepreneurs, including a hot air balloonist, a jewelry designer, tree nursery owners, and a ceiling cleaning franchiser. Suggested activities and tips on entrepreneurship are included. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**Linus Pauling and the Chemistry of Life BR 11799**
by Tom Hager
1 volume
Describes the career and personal life of the chemist who won both the 1954 Nobel Prize in chemistry and the 1962 Nobel Peace Prize. The prolific researcher also taught, wrote influential college textbooks, and protested nuclear testing. He died at the age of ninety-three in 1994. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1998.

**Two Incomes and Still Broke? It's Not How Much You Make, but How Much You Keep BR 11806**
by Linda Kelley
2 volumes
Describes how job-related expenses can devour a couple's second income. The author discusses taxes, childcare, time-savers, rushed shopping, personal upkeep, and other factors to be considered when deciding whether both spouses should work. 1996.

**I Wonder What College Is Like? BR 11831**
by Meg F. Schneider
1 volume
Discusses choosing a college and getting accepted, handling the expense, and earning a degree. Also covers aspects of life outside the classroom including campus activities, living with roommates, and socializing. For junior and senior high readers. 1989.

**Pure Drivel BR 11849**
by Steve Martin
1 volume
Collection of humorous essays (many first published in the *New Yorker*) by comedian, actor, and screenwriter Martin. Topics include memory loss, drug side effects, and the number of movie stars who are secretly Nobel Prize-worthy scientists. Bestseller 1998.

**To Touch the Untouchable Dream BR 11851**
edited by Kenneth Jernigan
1 volume
Eight essays by blind people who express their self-confidence in pursuing personal goals. A couple describe their trip to a South African game park. A social worker explains why she left a secure job for a riskier career as a writer. And a magazine editor relates why baking bread has been a longtime pleasure. 1998.

***A Working Girl Can't Win* and Other Poems BR 11862**
by Deborah Garrison
1 volume
Twenty-eight poems expressing a young woman's views on the office world and its male inhabitants, and revealing her private thoughts and fantasies. Many of these pieces first appeared in the *New Yorker*, where Garrison is a senior editor. Some strong language. 1998.

# Adult Fiction

**Admiral Hornblower in the West Indies BR 11560**
by C.S. Forester
3 volumes
Six adventures in the West Indies during the early part of the nineteenth century. Rear Admiral Hornblower of the British navy takes on pirates, revolutionaries, and a hurricane. Sequel to *Lord Hornblower (BR 11559)*. 1957.

**Bleak House BR 11645**
by Charles Dickens
9 volumes
Completed in 1850. Satire of the English judicial system and aristocratic class of Dickens's time. Follows the fortunes of young Esther Summerton and her mother, Lady Dedlock. 1991.

**Storm at Daybreak: Daybreak Mysteries, Volume 1 BR 11674**
by B.J. Hoff
2 volumes
Jennifer Terry is hired as an assistant to the owner of a Christian radio station in West Virginia. Left sightless by a drunken driver, Daniel Kaine is a composer as well as an ex-Olympic swimmer. As they gradually fall in love, their happiness is threatened by attempts on Dan's life. Prequel to *The Captive Voice (BR 11675)*. 1986.

**Where the Deer and the Antelope Play: Code of the West, Book 3 BR 11680**
by Stephen Bly
2 volumes
The wedding date is set and Pepper Paige is determined that Tap Andrews will be there as her groom. But trouble has a way of finding Tap, and men keep shooting at him. He's also worried about the overdue bank note on his ranch. Pepper is still ruminating about her past, but decides to trust in God. Sequel to *One Went to Denver and the Other Went Wrong (BR 11679)*. 1995.

**Stay Away from That City—They Call It Cheyenne: Code of the West, Book 4 BR 11681**
by Stephen Bly
2 volumes
Newlyweds Tap and Pepper Andrews have moved to Cheyenne, where Tap is deputy marshal. Pappy Divide, the marshal, has been shot in the back at the Occidental, and Tap is trying to arrest the drunken shooter. Pepper hopes Tap survives his law enforcement job. Sequel to *Where the Deer and the Antelope Play (BR 11680)*. 1996.

**My Foot's in the Stirrup—My Pony Won't Stand: Code of the West, Book 5 BR 11682**
by Stephen Bly
2 volumes
Tap Andrews stopped being deputy marshal because there was too much shooting, but now, as a brand inspector, he's being ambushed as he chases cattle rustlers. Meanwhile, Pepper is at home expecting their first baby. Sequel to *Stay Away from That City—They Call It Cheyenne (BR 11681)*. 1996.

**I'm Off to Montana for to Throw the Hoolihan: Code of the West, Book 6**
**BR 11683**
by Stephen Bly
2 volumes
When Pepper married Tap Andrews, their dream was to live quietly on a ranch. Now that Pepper is pregnant, Tap is moving them and their eleven-year-old ward, Angelita, to a ranch in Montana. But trouble and bullets seem to follow Tap wherever he goes. Sequel to *My Foot's in the Stirrup—My Pony Won't Stand (BR 11682)*. 1997.

**Badlands: Seth Strummar Series, Book 3**
**BR 11687**
by Elizabeth Fackler
3 volumes
Ex-outlaw Seth Strummar finds family life and homesteading confining until a loose woman, Lila Keats, shows up. But she has come specifically to ruin him and plans to rob the bank where Seth keeps his ill-gotten money. Sequel to *Backtrail (BR 11430)*. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

**In the Rogue Blood BR 11703**
by James Carlos Blake
4 volumes
In 1845 two teenage brothers, Edward and John Little, flee Florida after killing their deranged father in self-defense. Drifting westward, the two discover a dangerous, wild, and bleak land and eventually wind up on opposite sides in the Mexican-American War. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

**Starting Out in the Evening BR 11705**
by Brian Morton
2 volumes
Elderly, widowed Leonard Schiller is a worn-out New York novelist who spends his days crafting his final book. Then a nubile graduate student picks Schiller as the subject for her thesis and reinvigorates his staid life by helping him rediscover the fire of his youth. Strong language. 1998.

**The Dead of Night BR 11708**
by John Marsden
2 volumes
In this sequel to *Tomorrow, When the War Began (BR 10509)*, the Australian teens continue to hide out in the bush while trying to help the residents of their captured town. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1994.

**Life in the Fat Lane BR 11737**
by Cherie Bennett
2 volumes
Beauty pageant winner Lara is crowned homecoming queen as a high school junior. Then, inexplicably, she begins to gain weight—and doesn't stop. Although finally diagnosed with a rare metabolic disorder, Lara has become one of the obese students she had pitied. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1998.

**American Dreams BR 11741**
by John Jakes
5 volumes
Continues the Crown family saga begun in *Homeland (BR 9462)*. Paul, twenty-nine, a well-known photographer, travels the world making news documentaries, some of which get him in trouble with the British government. His cousin Carl satisfies a passion for cars and flying by becoming a daring aviator, and cousin Fritzi becomes an actress in

Hollywood. Some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

**The Spyglass Tree BR 11742**
by Albert Murray
2 volumes
Alabama, 1920s. Scooter, the African American student last seen in *Train Whistle Guitar (BR 11386)*, leaves Mobile on a scholarship to the state college. Although homesick, Scooter adjusts to campus life, discovering the local blues scene and perfecting his craft as a musician. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1991.

**The Poisonwood Bible BR 11745**
by Barbara Kingsolver
4 volumes
An American missionary family lands in the village of Kilanga in the Congo in 1959, and the cultural confrontation begins immediately. The mother and four daughters react to their new environment, the villagers respond to their new preacher, and the family dynamics change. All of this is intensified by the Congo's own political turmoil. Bestseller 1998.

**A Widow for One Year BR 11780**
by John Irving
6 volumes
Ruth Cole, who will become a well-known author, is four in the summer of 1958 when events that define her future occur. Her parents are divorcing; her mother, Marion, has an affair with sixteen-year-old Eddie O'Hare, who reminds her of one of her two dead sons; and her father continues to tell stories. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

**Cupid and Diana BR 11792**
by Christina Bartolomeo
2 volumes
Diana Campanella has traded her government job for a consignment clothing shop in Washington, D.C., but it is not doing well. Her relationship with her attorney boyfriend also seems stalled. Should she take her lingerie-model sister's abundant advice on men and the shop? Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1998.

**Long Time Passing BR 11802**
by Linda Crew
2 volumes
When high school sophomore Kathy doesn't make the rally squad in 1966, she decides to forge a new identity as a folk-singing, artistic type. She embraces the turbulent sixties with her new group of friends, including the brooding but intriguing James. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

**The Face on the Wall: A Homer Kelly Mystery BR 11804**
by Jane Langton
3 volumes
Children's book illustrator Annie Swann moves into a new wing of her Massachusetts house and begins to paint a wall mural. She rents the old half of her house to a family named Gast. But things go terribly wrong—with both the mural and the Gasts. Annie's uncle, detective Homer Kelly, steps in to help. Some violence and some strong language. 1998.

**Roverandom BR 11808**
by J.R.R. Tolkien
1 volume
A young and foolish dog is turned into a toy after biting a sorcerer. As a play-

thing, Roverandom is owned by a little boy named Two. After many adventures, Roverandom manages to be turned back into a real dog. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1998.

**Eva's Man BR 11809**
by Gayl Jones
2 volumes
An African American woman, forty-three and in prison, is on the edge of insanity and searching for her lost innocence. Eva Medina tells how she landed behind bars a second time and about the men who put her there. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1976.

**The Souvenir BR 11811**
by Patricia Carlon
2 volumes
Four years ago Marion Burton's brother Jack was stabbed to death when he tried to separate two teenage girls who were quarreling in an Australian park. Each girl claimed the other one did it, and neither has ever changed her statement. Now Marion takes all the legal files and clippings about the case to Jefferson Shields and asks him to solve the puzzle. 1970.

**Sneakers BR 11812**
by Dewey Gram
2 volumes
In 1969, college student Martin Bishop escapes being arrested for politically motivated computer crimes. But in 1992, the feds catch up with Bishop, who is running a security consulting firm. They offer him immunity if he and his group will commit a crime for them. Strong language and some violence. 1992.

**Passion Play BR 11813**
by Sean Stewart
2 volumes
It is the future and fundamentalism rules. Diane Fletcher works with the police as a shaper—one who uses psychic abilities to hunt criminals. After arresting a deacon for stoning an adulteress to death, Fletcher turns her attention to the murder of a powerful actor. Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1992.

**Reef of Death BR 11814**
by Paul Zindel
1 volume
Maruul, an Aboriginal girl, and PC McPhee, an American boy, help their relatives dive for ancient treasure beneath the Australian reefs. But a killer fish and an unscrupulous scientist are also hunting in the sea. Some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1998.

**The Horse Whisperer BR 11816**
by Nicholas Evans
3 volumes
Thirteen-year-old Grace Maclean loses her leg when she and her horse, Pilgrim, are struck by a truck. Pilgrim is also injured—mentally and physically. Grace's mother, magazine editor Annie Graves, learns of a horse whisperer—Tom Booker—who might be able to restore Pilgrim. In hopes that he will also help Grace, Annie takes both of them to his ranch in Montana. Strong language, violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Finding Laura BR 11817**
by Kay Hooper
3 volumes
Ever since childhood, Laura Sutherland has had a fascination with mirrors—she

is searching for something in their reflections, although she isn't sure what it is. After she finds the right mirror at the Kilbourne family estate sale in Atlanta, she becomes a pawn in a struggle between the family matriarch, Amelia, and grandson Daniel. Some descriptions of sex. 1997.

**Blue Star Rapture BR 11820**
by James W. Bennett
1 volume
T.J.'s friend Tyron is being courted by college basketball agents. Worried that academically poor Tyron will be taken advantage of, T.J. tries to guide him but then begins feeling guilty about his own motives. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1998.

**Rules of the Road BR 11821**
by Joan Bauer
2 volumes
Sixteen-year-old Jenna loves selling shoes for the Chicago Gladstone Shoe Store. But when her drunken father arrives in town, Jenna jumps at the opportunity to drive ornery Mrs. Gladstone to Texas. Jenna and the elderly woman fret over the future of the store chain, now in Gladstone's son's unscrupulous hands. For junior and senior high readers. 1998.

**The Education of Robert Nifkin BR 11827**
by Daniel Pinkwater
1 volume
New to Chicago in the 1950s, Robert begins his high school education dressed in the odd clothes his Eastern European father insists he wear. His unpopularity and the bigoted teachers send Robert to the streets, where he meets an unusual group of people and finds a school he actually likes. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1998.

# Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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## Children's Nonfiction

**The Broken Tusk: Stories of the Hindu God Ganesha BR 11669**
retold by Uma Krishnaswami
1 volume
Introductory pieces describe Hindu mythology and the physical form of Ganesha, the god with an elephant head on a human body. Seventeen stories about Ganesha follow. The first explains why Ganesha has the head of an elephant. The title tale reveals why Ganesha is special to writers. For grades 5-8. 1996.

**Water Buffalo Days: Growing Up in Vietnam BR 11670**
by Quang Nhuong Huynh
1 volume
The author tells of being a young boy in the jungle of central Vietnam before the war. From the age of six, he helps with the family's herd of water buffalo. When his father buys a male calf to train to be leader of the herd, the calf and boy develop a deep friendship. For grades 3-6. 1997.

**The Salem Witch Trials BR 11747**
by Lori Lee Wilson
1 volume
Discusses the history of witchcraft leading up to events in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1692, when accusations against supposed witches caused the deaths of many innocents. Considers the long-term effects of the trials in Salem. For grades 6-9. 1997.

**Close Encounters: Exploring the Universe with the Hubble Space Telescope BR 11749**
by Elaine Scott
1 volume
Explains how information transmitted by the repaired Hubble telescope enables scientists to study stars, planets, black holes, and galaxies. Describes the impact of this new technology on astronomers' ideas about how the universe was formed. For grades 4-7. 1998.

**How Plants Grow BR 11762**
by Malcolm Penny
1 volume
Basic introduction to the growth and development of plants. Describes how flowers, fruits, and parachutes help disperse seeds over great distances. Includes information on plants that are parasites, insect-eaters, or other unusual specimens. For grades 3-6. 1997.

**How Fish Swim BR 11763**
by Jill Bailey
1 volume
Explains how fish have different swimming skills, each meeting the needs of the particular species. Describes physical adaptations suited to various styles of locomotion—the bending bodies of eels, the directional use of fins by sea goldfish, the flapping movements of skates and rays, and the jet propulsion of squid. For grades 3-6. 1997.

**How Bees Make Honey BR 11766**
by Michael Chinery
1 volume
Explains the honeybee's physical characteristics that enable it to gather pollen and nectar. Describes how honeybees communicate directions, produce honey, and nurture their grubs. For grades 3-6. 1997.

**How Birds Fly BR 11767**
by Nick Williams
1 volume
Focuses on the aspects of a bird's body that make flying possible. Describes the structure and movement of the wings, feathers, and lungs. Explains why different kinds of birds have specialized flying abilities. For grades 3-6. 1997.

**Her Piano Sang: A Story about Clara Schumann BR 11770**
by Barbara Allman
1 volume
Allman details the life of Clara Wieck Schumann, who in 1828 gave her first full-length concert at the age of nine. She discusses Schumann's childhood and explains how her father influenced her life. The author portrays the pi-

anist's early relationship with Robert Schumann, her father's disapproval of their marriage, and her love for her husband that lasted even after his death in 1856. For grades 3-6. 1997.

**How Bats "See" in the Dark BR 11771**
by Malcolm Penny
1 volume
Explains how bats, with their poor vision, use echolocation—creating their own sounds and listening for echoes from nearby stationary objects and moving insects—to move about safely and hunt for food. Describes physical features, such as sensitive ears and specialized nose shapes, that assist in navigating without eyesight. For grades 3-6. 1997.

**You Are the Juror BR 11803**
by Nathan Aaseng
1 volume
The author presents the details and evidence from eight famous cases, including those involving the Lindbergh kidnapping, Patty Hearst, and O.J. Simpson. Readers are asked to review the information and make decisions as if they were part of the jury. For grades 6-9. 1997.

**The Life and Death of Crazy Horse BR 11815**
by Russell Freedman
1 volume
Russell recounts the personal life and character of the great Sioux warrior born in 1841. He explains how Crazy Horse became famous for the victory over Custer at the Battle of Little Big Horn and for valuing freedom above all else. He reconstructs the events that led to Crazy Horse's death at thirty-six. For grades 6-9. 1996.

**Young, Black, and Determined: A Biography of Lorraine Hansberry BR 11822**
by Patricia C. and Fredrick L. McKissack
2 volumes
Biography of the African American playwright whose award-winning *Raisin in the Sun* opened on Broadway in 1959. Provides the social and historical context in which Hansberry grew up and developed artistically. Examines her literary achievements and political activism during her thirty-four-year life. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1998.

**Over the Top of the World: Explorer Will Steger's Trek across the Arctic BR 11832**
by Will Steger and Jon Bowermaster
1 volume
Recounts Steger's 1995 trip over the North Pole by dogsled and canoe. Steger's journey begins in Siberia with six teammates, thirty-three dogs, and two tons of gear. His journal entries detail daily events, weather conditions, setbacks, dog problems, and human difficulties in successfully mounting the expedition. For grades 4-7. 1997.

## Children's Fiction

**Liar BR 11668**
by Winifred Morris
1 volume
When Alex's flighty, immature mother lies to authorities that her latest beating was by Alex rather than her boyfriend, Alex is put on probation and sent to live on his grandparents' farm. He gradually opens up to them and to a new friend, until another false accusation threatens his new life. For grades 6-9. 1996.

**Mr. Ape BR 11754**
by Dick King-Smith
1 volume
Mr. Ape is an old man, suddenly free of wife and offspring, living in his family estate, Penny Royal. Happy to make his own decisions, he lives in the kitchen and buys hens to keep in the living room. He befriends Jake and his father, Joe—traveling gypsies who prove to be kindred spirits. For grades 3-6. 1998.

**Beethoven in Paradise BR 11764**
by Barbara O'Connor
1 volume
Martin lives in the Paradise trailer park with his folks. His dream is to play a musical instrument, but his abusive father thinks music is stupid and insists that Martin play baseball instead. Some strong language. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**Go and Come Back BR 11768**
by Joan Abelove
1 volume
Alicia tells what happens in her village on the Paro River in Peru when two women anthropologists from New York come to study the community. At first Alicia only observes their odd habits and bad manners, but gradually she becomes their friend and teaches them how to be real people like the villagers. For grades 6-9. 1998.

**Walks Alone BR 11775**
by Brian Burks
1 volume
Walks Alone, a young Apache girl, tells of her hopes to marry Little Hawk, if they both survive the attacks on their tribe by U.S. soldiers. She describes observing the deaths of her family and friends, being wounded, and finding food and shelter while fleeing. Some violence. For grades 6-9. 1998.

**My Louisiana Sky BR 11788**
by Kimberly Willis Holt
1 volume
Louisiana, 1950s. Twelve-year-old Tiger Ann Parker begins to feel embarrassed in front of the other kids about the "slowness" of her parents. Her grandmother is the one who keeps the family intact. After Granny dies, Tiger has a chance to move to the city with her sophisticated aunt, but she is reluctant to abandon the parents who love her. For grades 6-9. 1998.

**The Secret Box BR 11807**
by Gayle Pearson
1 volume
Five interconnected stories about two girls and their sixteen-year-old brothers. In the title story, Taylor Finch receives a secret box for her twelfth birthday, but thinks the thirty-four steps to open it are too much trouble—until she realizes she has some secrets she wants to hide. For grades 4-7. 1997.

**Tucket's Ride BR 11810**
by Gary Paulsen
1 volume
Francis Tucket is only a few years older than Lottie and Billy, the orphans he rescued in *Call Me Francis Tucket (BR 10437)*. Searching for Oregon, they end up in Mexico territory, right in the middle of the war. Francis kills an American soldier in self defense, landing himself in a mess of trouble. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**The Adventures of Tom Sawyer BR 11823**
by Mark Twain
2 volumes
The escapades and high jinks of schoolboy Tom Sawyer, who lives with his Aunt Polly in a small Missouri town on

the Mississippi River. Tom angles for the affections of Becky Thatcher, runs away with Huck Finn and Joe Harper, and tells the truth when it matters. First published in 1876. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1989.

**Zelda and Ivy BR 11866**
by Laura McGee Kvasnosky
1 volume
Little foxes Zelda and Ivy are sisters. Zelda, the older, is usually in charge. When they play circus, Zelda announces while Ivy swings on the flying trapeze. And when they decide to try out the latest style—a blue striped tail with scallops, it is Zelda who does the work and Ivy who ends up with a funny-looking tail. For grades 2-4. 1998.

**Velcome BR 12005**
by Kevin O'Malley
1 volume
Collection of creepy and terrifying stories that also have humorous endings. A young boy is followed home by a coffin, and a young girl home alone keeps getting phone calls from the Viper, who says he is coming up to her apartment. For grades K-3. 1997.

**Akiak: A Tale from the Iditarod BR 12007**
by Robert J. Blake
1 volume
Akiak is the lead dog in Mick's sled team for the ten-day Iditarod race. When she is injured and pulled out of the race, Akiak refuses to quit and instead follows the team on her own. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1997.

**Beautiful Warrior: The Legend of the Nun's Kung Fu BR 12009**
by Emily Arnold McCully
1 volume
An emperor raises his daughter, Jingyong, as a son—even educating her in the martial arts. When the dynasty ends, Jingyong seeks refuge in a Buddhist monastery, where she teaches kung fu and is known as the "warrior-nun." Then one day the local bean-curd seller's daughter is ordered to marry a bully she despises, and she turns to Jingyong for help. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1998.

**Two Bad Ants BR 12010**
by Chris Van Allsburg
1 volume
Two ants join a sugar expedition, leaving their outdoor world to enter a human's kitchen. They decide to stay near the tasty treasure, but surviving in this new world is full of unexpected dangers. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1988.

**Moses Goes to a Concert BR 12011**
by Isaac Millman
1 volume
Moses and his classmates, who are deaf, go to a concert with their teacher. Performing with the orchestra is a percussionist who is also deaf. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1998.

**A Lot of Otters BR 12012**
by Barbara Helen Berger
1 volume
A little boy, carrying a book to read, crawls into a box and is soon floating in the sea among the otters. As he reads about Mother Moon looking for her lost moonlet, he becomes part of the story himself. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1997.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

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**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Conundrum** (British monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])
**Harper's** (literary; monthly)
**Health Newsletters** (includes **Harvard Health Letter, Mayo Clinic Health Letter,** and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter;** monthly)
**Inside Sports** (monthly)
**Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine** (monthly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Martha Stewart Living** (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
**Muse** (for children; 6 issues)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**The New York Times Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
**PC World** (personal computing; monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
**Rolling Stone** (popular culture; 26 issues)
**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)
**Short Stories** (British monthly)
**Spider: The Magazine for Children** (monthly)
**Stone Soup** (children's writings; 5 issues)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)
**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

The following sports schedules are also available:
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**National Basketball Association Schedule**
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# In Brief

## Participants Sought for International Braille Essay Contest

The World Blind Union (WBU) Literacy Committee, in cooperation with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, is sponsoring an essay contest on the topic "What Braille Means to Me."

People who are blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, or sighted are invited to submit personal perspectives and descriptions of how braille has affected their lives. The papers should be 1,000 to 5,000 words long and may be written in English, French, or Spanish. Entries may be braille or print, but electronic submissions are preferred. Each entry must be accompanied by a separate page providing the contestant's name, address, and phone number. Essays should not include personal identification within the text.

An international panel will judge entries on the level of interest and on how compelling, powerful, and creative they are. Ten winners will be notified by mail, and each will receive $500 (Canadian). Decisions of the judges will be final. The winning essays will be published for international distribution in English, French, and Spanish, at which time they will become the property of WBU.

There are no citizenship restrictions or fees, and entries will not be returned.

To enter, send your essay to The CNIB, 1929 Bayview Ave., Toronto, ON M4G 3E8, Attention: James W. Sanders, or by e-mail to: sanderj@east.cnib.ca.

The Canadian Braille Authority and the Government of Canada Literacy

Secretariat are also cooperating with this effort.

## International Council on English Braille meets in Baltimore, Maryland

Bettye Niceley of the National Federation of the Blind, Kim Charlson of the American Council of the Blind, Frances Mary D'Andrea of the American Foundation for the Blind, and Phyllis Campana of the American Printing House for the Blind will represent the Braille Authority of North America at the General Assembly of the International Council on English Braille (ICEB) meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, November 2-5.

One project under discussion will be the Unified Braille Code (UBC) Research Project, which BANA is conducting. The project is exploring the possibility of unifying the braille codes that are used for literary material (English Braille, American Edition), mathematics and scientific notation (Nemeth code), and computer notation (computer braille code) in all member countries.

The meeting will take place at the National Federation of the Blind headquarters. Those interested in attending as observers should contact Niceley at bniceley@iglou.com.

The following information is reprinted from *Talking Book Topics*, September–October 1999.

# In Brief

## NLS Continues Magazine Program Changes

Beginning in January 2000, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) will offer readers ten more magazines on cassette instead of flexible disc.

These magazines continue a transition to cassette format for all audio magazines. NLS plans to complete the transition in 2001, when all NLS recorded magazines will be available on cassette. This improvement to the magazine program is based on the recommendation of an advisory committee composed of program users and librarians.

Current subscribers will automatically receive the magazines in the new format. To start a new subscription to these or any magazines in the program, contact your cooperating library.

The ten magazines making the transition in January are listed below.

- The Atlantic Monthly (monthly)
- Discover (monthly)
- Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine (11 issues)
- Health and Nutrition Newsletters (monthly)
- Magazine of the Month (monthly)
- New Choices: Living Even Better after Fifty (10 issues)
- Outdoor Life (monthly)
- QST (monthly)

- Sports Illustrated (weekly)
- True West (monthly)

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# Books for Adults

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## Adult Nonfiction

**The History of Henry the Fourth, Part 1**
**BR 11571**
by William Shakespeare
3 volumes
First published in 1598. Depicts the early years of the reign of England's Henry IV. The Earl of Northumberland's son, Hotspur, becomes Henry's opponent. Eventually Henry's son, Prince Hal, leaves the merrymaker Falstaff to join the battle at Shrewsbury against Hotspur. Annotated version with historical background and essay on literary perspective. 1994.

**I Am the Darker Brother: An Anthology of Modern Poems by African Americans**
**BR 11710**
edited by Arnold Adoff
1 volume
Anthology of poems by African Americans expressing their views on heritage and race. As originally published in 1968, it included the work of thirty poets such as Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, and Richard Wright. This second edition adds works by nineteen other poets, among them Rita Dove, Nikki Giovanni, and Maya Angelou. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1997.

**Bob Hope's Dear Prez, I Wanna Tell Ya! A Presidential Jokebook BR 11717**
by Bob Hope
1 volume
Jokes about eleven U.S. presidents with whom Bob Hope has had the privilege of trying to play golf. Includes an introduction by Johnny Carson. 1996.

**Bingo Night at the Fire Hall: The Case for Cows, Orchards, Bake Sales, and Fairs**
**BR 11718**
by Barbara Holland
2 volumes
A middle-aged professional woman abandons her Philadelphia apartment to take up residence in an inherited cabin in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. As she settles into the close-knit rural community there, she becomes aware of the harsh intrusions of the Washington, D.C., suburban culture. 1997.

**A Dublin Girl: Growing Up in the 1930s**
**BR 11722**
by Elaine Crowley
2 volumes
Biography of a childhood spent poor

but happy in the slums of Dublin. Because her father has tuberculosis, Elaine Crowley, her mother, and two siblings live hand-to-mouth in a one-room dwelling in their ancestral neighborhood. At fourteen, Elaine leaves school to help support the family. 1996.

**The Ascent of Science BR 11728**
by Brian L. Silver
7 volumes
Traces the evolution of science "as a series of ideas that changed . . . whole areas of human thought." Explores ideas and theories about motion, heat, the atom, electricity, and other natural phenomena. Avers that science has serious consequences and "has to be watched." 1998.

**The Errancy BR 11748**
by Jorie Graham
1 volume
These thirty-eight poems by the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet offer a meditation on the sexual, political, and spiritual aspects of desire. 1997.

**Search Engines for the World Wide Web BR 11761**
by Alfred and Emily Glossbrenner
3 volumes
Offers step-by-step instructions and specific examples for using World Wide Web search engines, including Excite, HotBot, Infoseek, Lycos, and Yahoo! Also explains the use of keywords and basic searching operators and describes how to search mailing lists and news groups and how to create complex searches. 1998.

**A Midsummer Night's Dream BR 11765**
by William Shakespeare
2 volumes
A five-act comedy revolving around the upcoming wedding of the Duke of Athens. The action takes place in the woods where lovers converge, the king and queen of fairies quarrel, Puck causes mischief, and workmen rehearse a play for the wedding. Based on the text of the 1600 quarto edition. Contains explanatory notes and an essay on modern perspective. 1993.

**Earl Mindell's Nutrition and Health for Dogs: Keep Your Dog Healthy and Happy with Natural Preventative Care and Remedies BR 11773**
by Earl Mindell and Elizabeth Renaghan
3 volumes
Explains a dog's nutritional needs. Details how an owner can affordably feed a dog healthful foods to keep it fit. Includes flea control and breed-specific health problems. 1998.

**The Baby Boat: A Memoir of Adoption BR 11777**
by Patty Dann
1 volume
Journal spanning the years 1994 through 1997 discusses the New York author's experiences and emotions during the time she and her husband were completing the steps to adopt a baby from Lithuania. 1998.

**Reminiscences BR 11782**
by Douglas MacArthur
6 volumes
Memoirs of the twentieth-century American combat general whose fifty-year career brought him both glory and condemnation. His service spanned the administrations of eight presidents and provides a view of military history in this century. 1964.

**Competability: A Practical Guide to Building a Peaceable Kingdom between Cats and Dogs BR 11783**
by Amy D. Shojai
2 volumes
The author, a veterinary technician, explains how to create harmony between the family cat and dog. Also describes the different social structures of the two species and their health needs. For senior high and older readers. 1998.

**The Science, Spread, and Therapy of HIV Disease: Everything You Need to Know but Had No Idea Who to Ask BR 11787**
by Michael A. DiSpezio
2 volumes
In question-and-answer format, the book explains what the AIDS virus is and how to treat it. Includes tests for each segment and a list of Internet sites that provide further information. For senior high and older readers. 1998.

**Life among the Savages BR 11790**
by Shirley Jackson
2 volumes
Autobiography of the author's hectic life in Vermont with her husband and four children. Humorously describes the routines and predicaments caused by a large family. 1948.

**Blues Legacies and Black Feminism: Gertrude "Ma" Rainey, Bessie Smith, and Billie Holiday BR 11800**
by Angela Y. Davis
5 volumes
A feminist interpretation of the lives and lyrics of three African American blues musicians of the 1930s. Also includes the complete lyrics of some of Ma Rainey's and Bessie Smith's songs. 1998.

**Hope in a Jar: The Making of America's Beauty Culture BR 11805**
by Kathy Peiss
4 volumes
The author explores the social history of cosmetics in America. She notes that although only wanton women wore "paint" during the early nineteenth century, there was always a women's cottage enterprise—among all races and classes—that developed products for the complexion. Gradually make-up became acceptable, and men soon took over, transforming the customs into an industry. 1998.

**War in the Air: True Accounts of the Twentieth Century's Most Dramatic Air Battles—by the Men Who Fought Them BR 11818**
edited by Stephen Coonts
3 volumes
Twenty-five excerpts from accounts of aerial fighting covering World War I through the Vietnam War. Includes stories by pilots from both sides of the conflicts. Some violence. 1996.

**Heroin BR 11829**
by Geraldine Woods
1 volume
Discusses the history and usage of the powerful narcotic drug derived from opium poppies. Explains various aspects of addiction and describes treatments used to kick the habit. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**The Gospel of Thomas: The Hidden Sayings of Jesus BR 11836**
translated by Marvin Meyer
1 volume
An English translation of 114 wise sayings attributed to Jesus as collected in the Coptic text found near Nag Hammadi in Upper Egypt. Discusses the his-

tory of the writings. Explanatory notes follow. Includes an interpretive essay by Harold Bloom. 1992.

**The Night of the Iguana BR 11837**
by Tennessee Williams
1 volume
The setting of this play is a run-down tourist hotel on the coast of Mexico, where chance brings together an assortment of people to work out their destinies in one stormy night. Their bondage, of various kinds, is symbolized by a captured iguana. 1961.

**Economics Explained: Everything You Need to Know about How the Economy Works and Where It's Going BR 11858**
by Robert Heilbroner and Lester Thurow
3 volumes
This revised fourth edition explains the basics of economics and then discusses how globalization and other trends could affect American economic life of the late 1990s. 1998.

**Diabetes BR 11863**
by Elizabeth Ferber
1 volume
Illustrates the impact of Type I (insulin-dependent) diabetes on the lives of nine young people and describes how they cope with the illness. Suggests ways for adolescents with diabetes to maintain physical and emotional health. Includes a glossary and a list of interested organizations. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

**The Universe and the Teacup: The Mathematics of Truth and Beauty BR 11865**
by K.C. Cole
2 volumes
Explores the use of mathematics in everyday life. Surveys numerical concepts and approaches, including statistics, probability, and risk theory. Cites examples from well-known events such as the O.J. Simpson trial and elections. 1998.

**Perpetua's Passion: The Death and Memory of a Young Roman Woman BR 11867**
by Joyce E. Salisbury
3 volumes
An account of religious martyrdom in the Roman Empire, based on the diary of Perpetua, a young Christian convert who died for her faith. Describes her arrest, trial, and violent execution in the public arena. Discusses the impact of her passion on the emerging Christian community. Violence. 1997.

**When Your Phone Doesn't Ring, It'll Be Me BR 11870**
by Cynthia Heimel
2 volumes
Humorous essays on such topics as searching for a city to live in that isn't full of crackheads and bigots, discovering that romance novels are often pornographic, trying to understand men, and living with dogs. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

**I'm Not as Old as I Used to Be: Reclaiming Your Life in the Second Half BR 11873**
by Frances Weaver
1 volume
The seniors editor on NBC's *Today Show* encourages older citizens to be active and to enjoy developing themselves to the fullest. She describes how she struggled with the shock of becoming a widow and with alcoholism before making a new life for herself. 1997.

**Attention Deficit Disorder BR 11882**
by Wendy Moragne
1 volume
Case histories and interviews illustrate this former teacher's description of attention deficit disorder. She discusses the impact this condition has on young people and on those around them and outlines treatment options. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

# Adult Fiction

**Devil's Rim BR 11714**
by Sam Brown
2 volumes
Concho Smith is headed to Mexico in the summer of 1898 when he comes across Judith Van, who is trying to mend a broken gate on her ranch. Her husband has been crippled by a fall from a horse, and she really needs help with the ranch work. Concho stops to help and ends up staying and facing problems. Strong language and some violence. 1998.

**The Answer Is Yes BR 11772**
by Sara Lewis
3 volumes
After being laid off at work, unsuccessful at tracking her birthmother, and weary of trying to hold her scientist husband's attention, Jenny Brown discovers the Institute of Affirmation and its odd adult education classes. 1998.

**Sarah on Her Own BR 11793**
by Karen M. Coombs
2 volumes
Orphaned fourteen-year-old Sarah survives the 1620 trip from London to the New World, but her aunt does not. Her aunt's fiancé, who sent for them, has also died. Not wanting to marry, become an indentured servant, or settle on the land she has been allotted, Sarah searches for a way home. Violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Companions of the Night BR 11795**
by Vivian Van de Velde
2 volumes
Returning to a laundromat at midnight to retrieve her brother's toy, sixteen-year-old Kerry is confronted by three men who are holding a young man named Ethan hostage. When she realizes the captors are determined to prove Ethan is a vampire, Kerry helps him escape. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**Joyride BR 11796**
by Gretchen Olson
2 volumes
When Jeff McKenzie and a friend take a joy ride through a farmer's bean field one night, Jeff has no idea he will spend the summer in a strawberry field. He had planned to play tennis, but this is the price he must pay for ruining the farmer's irrigation motor. Jeff learns a lot and is befriended by the farmer's daughter and a farm hand. For junior and senior high readers. 1998.

**Bombay Ice BR 11824**
by Leslie Forbes
4 volumes
A psychological murder mystery set in the movie production world of Bombay, India. The pregnant Miranda fears that her husband, Prosper, murdered his first wife. She confides in her crime reporter sister, Roz Bengal, who arrives in Bombay to investigate. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1998.

**Sink or Swim BR 11826**
by Gerald Hammond
2 volumes
Wallace James's activity level is slowed by heart trouble and angina, but he still works in his sporting-goods shop in the highlands of Scotland. Listening to his CB radio, he overhears a blackmail attempt. It seems Colonel McInsch had failed to save a neighbor from drowning. Now there is some doubt as to the death's accidental nature. With his wife Janet's help, James investigates. 1996.

**The Running Woman BR 11835**
by Patricia Carlon
2 volumes
Australian teenager Carol Zamia is found dead in a creek. A neighbor saw a woman in white running from the scene, and Zamia's parents accuse the young widow Gabriel Endicott. Gabriel admits to being at the crime scene but says she knows nothing about the murder. Now she must prove it. 1966.

**An Island like You: Stories of the Barrio BR 11844**
by Judith Ortiz Cofer
2 volumes
Twelve short stories chronicle the lives of Puerto Rican teenagers in Paterson, New Jersey. Struggling to mature, the teens have to live in two cultures and speak two languages. In "Bad Influence," Rita is sent off to the island for the summer, to keep her away from boys, but she learns to like it there. For senior high and older readers. 1995.

**The Hundred Days: The Aubrey-Maturin Novels BR 11850**
by Patrick O'Brian
3 volumes
Napoleon, now converted to Islam, has escaped from Elba and is again building up his troops. He hopes to receive aid from the Muslims—if a gold shipment reaches them in time. Commodore Jack Aubrey and Dr. Stephen Maturin are called in to intercept the gold shipment and prevent a Napoleonic victory. Sequel to *The Yellow Admiral (BR 10685)*. Bestseller 1998.

**The Locket BR 11852**
by Richard Paul Evans
2 volumes
Following his mother's death, Michael Keddington takes a job at a nursing home to pay off his growing debts. He meets the quiet and withdrawn Esther Huish, and as he wins her trust, she encourages him to pursue his relationship with the well-to-do Faye Murrow. Then Michael is accused of murdering a resident. Bestseller 1998.

***Glory Days* and Other Stories BR 11856**
by Gillian Chan
1 volume
Five short stories feature students from the same Canadian high school. In "Singing the Blues," Rachel, embarrassed by her hippie parents, wishes she had a normal family. In "The Invisible Girl," new-girl-in-town Luisa dates Mark in order to fit in. She learns too late that she should have listened to her father's words of caution. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

**Cat's Cradle BR 11875**
by Kurt Vonnegut
2 volumes
To write his book about the end of the world, Jonah contacts the children of a famous scientist, Dr. Felix Hoenikker, who invented the atomic bomb. Each child has some of the father's last invention, ice-nine—a compound that destroys life by instant freezing. Jonah dis-

covers a new religion, Bokononism, when he joins them on San Lorenzo island. Some strong language. 1963.

**The Mad Dog: Stories BR 11897**
by Heinrich Böll
1 volume
Ten tales by the German Nobel laureate that were not published when written after World War II. One story, "Youth on Fire," written in 1937 before Böll went to war, shows his youthful faith and idealism. The title piece depicts the repercussions of wartime horrors on a highly intelligent soldier and on an ordained priest. 1997.

**Black Coffee: A Hercule Poirot Novel BR 11898**
by Charles Osborne
2 volumes
Osborne has adapted as a novel this work originally written as a play by Agatha Christie in 1930. Scientist Sir Claud Amory believes someone in his home is trying to steal an important formula he has developed. He asks Poirot to come to his Surrey home and take the formula back to London. But when Poirot arrives, he finds Amory dead and soon identifies numerous suspects. 1998.

**Franny and Zooey BR 11900**
by J.D. Salinger
2 volumes
Two stories about the Glass family of New York City. In the first story, college student Franny spoils an evening with her date because of a religious conversion; in the second, Franny's brother Zooey encourages her to become an actress. Some strong language. 1957.

**Bech at Bay: A Quasi-Novel BR 11908**
by John Updike
2 volumes
Five humorous episodes in the life of Henry Bech, the semi-obscure American author created by Updike. In the last story, Bech is awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1999, but must contend with the subsequent literary protest. Sequel to *Bech Is Back (BR 5307)*. Some strong language. 1998.

**Danger Zone BR 11954**
by David Klass
2 volumes
Jim Doyle from Minnesota is selected to be in an international junior basketball tournament in Italy. At the training camp, his teammates shun him because of his racial identity and social inexperience. But in Rome, when the team encounters discrimination and death threats, Jim proves his loyalty. Some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Don't Die, My Love BR 11955**
by Lurlene McDaniel
2 volumes
High school juniors Julie and Luke have known each other for years and are in love. Luke is the star football player and Julie's father is his coach. Julie is waiting to see where Luke gets a football scholarship so she can apply to the same school. Then Luke is diagnosed with cancer. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

**A Place to Call Home BR 11957**
by Jackie French Koller
2 volumes
Anna, fifteen, lives with her irresponsible mother, her five-year-old sister, Mandy, and baby brother, Casey. When

her mother disappears, Anna decides to keep it a secret, because she thinks no one would want to keep a biracial teenager who has two white siblings. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

# Books for Children

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## Children's Nonfiction

**Dominoes around the World BR 11785**
by Mary D. Lankford
1 volume
Explains the basic rules of dominoes and describes how the game is played in Cuba, France, Malta, the Netherlands, Spain, Ukraine, the United States, and Vietnam. Also includes rules for playing solitaire dominoes. For grades 3-6. 1998.

**Sally Ride: First American Woman in Space BR 11841**
by Carole Ann Camp
1 volume
Provides biographical information on Ride's upbringing, education, and path to becoming an astronaut. Describes her training as the first woman to travel to space aboard the Challenger in 1983. Discusses Ride's role as mission specialist, her career in NASA through the 1986 Challenger disaster, and her professional life after leaving NASA. For grades 6-9. 1997.

**With a Whoop and a Holler: A Bushel of Lore from Way Down South BR 11855**
by Nancy Van Laan
1 volume
Collection of tales, rhymes, riddles, and superstitions from three distinct regions of the South—the Bayou, the Deep South, and the Appalachian Mountains. For grades 3-6. 1998.

**Where Am I? The Story of Maps and Navigation BR 11859**
by A.G. Smith
1 volume
A history of how people learned to identify their physical location in the world. Traces the development of maps from birch bark and clay tablets dating from 2300 B.C. to the techniques of aerial photography. Follows navigational skills from Eratosthenes's astronomical experiments to the discovery of the compass and the use of satellites. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**Landslides, Slumps, and Creep BR 11888**
by Peter Goodwin
1 volume
An explanation of different forms of

earth movements, known as mass wasting, including landslides and avalanches. Discusses how they occur and ways to prevent them. Contains information on some historic landslides of the twentieth century. For grades 4-7. 1997.

**Sand on the Move: The Story of Dunes BR 11952**
by Roy A. Gallant
1 volume
Describes the formation of sand and sand dunes, noting various types of dunes. Explains how their movement causes desertification and how some produce sounds. Also discusses various animals and plants that live in deserts. For grades 4-7. 1997.

# Children's Fiction

**Strays like Us BR 11720**
by Richard Peck
1 volume
Molly has been sent to live with her great-aunt Fay while her mother is in rehab. Next door, Will is staying with his grandparents and it is rumored that his father is in prison. They begin junior high school in their new town feeling like strays. For grades 5-8. 1998.

**Songs of Faith BR 11724**
by Angela Johnson
1 volume
Doreen relates this account of the summer of 1975 in Harvey, Ohio, which her mother describes as a town of divorced women and their kids. Although Doreen spends the summer playing with her brother Robert and her friends Viola and Jolette, she must come to terms with the absence of her father. As winter approaches, Doreen learns to have faith in the power of love. For grades 5-8. 1998.

**Spider Boy BR 11755**
by Ralph Fletcher
1 volume
Seventh-grader Bobby Ballenger is having a difficult time adjusting to a new school. He is a loner and spends a lot of time with his pet tarantula, Thelma. The kids at school call him Spider Boy. Bobby also makes up a lot of stories, and before long, he finds himself caught in the web of one of his own tales. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**The Turnabout Shop BR 11776**
by Colby Rodowsky
1 volume
When her eccentric, fun-loving mother dies, fifth-grader Livvy is sent to Baltimore to live with an old friend of her mother's. But Livvy has never heard of the friend, and they have nothing in common. Livvy's confusion and resentment gradually fade as she learns more about her new "family" and their antique shop. For grades 5-8. 1998.

**The Door in the Lake BR 11779**
by Nancy Butts
1 volume
Twelve-year-old Joseph Finney disappears while camping with family and friends. Two years later, he reappears but hasn't aged at all. Odd symptoms and fragmented memories lead Joseph to believe he was abducted by aliens. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**Riding Freedom BR 11830**
by Pam Muñoz Ryan
1 volume
In the mid-1800s Charlotte lives in a New Hampshire orphanage, where her only joy is tending the horses. When

that is forbidden, Charlotte runs away, disguised as a boy. She continues to live her life as Charley in order to work with horses and be on her own. For grades 4-7. 1998.

**Ellie and the Bunheads BR 11833**
by Sally Warner
1 volume
Turning thirteen, Ellie is eligible to audition for the Philadelphia Dance Theater. She has mixed feelings—her disciplined dance lifestyle makes her miss out on other school and social activities, and she resents her mother's assumption that she'll audition. But Ellie loves to dance. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**In the Stone Circle BR 11834**
by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel
2 volumes
Cristyn, fourteen, is reluctant to spend a dull summer in Wales with her widowed father while he does medieval-history research, and she's leery about sharing an ancient house with another American professor and her children. But ghostly happenings turn the vacation into an unexpected adventure. For grades 5-8. 1998.

**Melitte BR 11839**
by Fatima Shaik
1 volume
Melitte is a young slave who lives with a couple she calls Monsieur and Madame on their failing farm in Louisiana in the 1700s. Madame's cruelty makes Melitte long to run away, but when Marie is born to the couple, Melitte falls in love with her. For grades 5-8. 1997.

**The Dark Side of Nowhere BR 11840**
by Neal Shusterman
2 volumes
Jason Miller hates his bland, small-town life, so when the high school janitor gives him an odd glove and tells him his life is about to change, he is both puzzled and excited. Jason learns classmates have received the same message, and soon they all encounter bizarre experiences. For grades 6-9. 1997.

**Fire, Bed, and Bone BR 11845**
by Henrietta Branford
1 volume
In 1381 England, just after giving birth to puppies, a hunting dog watches in dismay as her kind owner and his wife are arrested during the peasants' revolt. The loyal dog describes the passing seasons as she keeps tabs on both her human family and her own offspring. For grades 5-8. 1998.

**Return to Hawk's Hill BR 11854**
by Allan W. Eckert
1 volume
Adrift in a rowboat on Lake Winnipeg, seven-year-old Ben MacDonald is rescued by Little Buffalo, a Metis Indian. Ben's ability to befriend animals impresses the Metis during his stay with them and leads to friendship between Ben's family and the Metis. Sequel to *Incident at Hawk's Hill (BR 1771)*. For grades 5-8. 1998.

**Changing Tunes BR 11861**
by Donna Jo Napoli
1 volume
Ten-year-old Eileen is angry at her parents for separating and especially hurt that her father took their piano to his new apartment. Practicing on the old school piano each afternoon depresses Eileen at first, but the new routine gradually becomes a comfort in her changed world. For grades 4-7. 1998.

**No Turning Back: A Novel of South Africa BR 11864**
by Beverley Naidoo
1 volume
Twelve-year-old Sipho decides that he will take his chances on the streets of Johannesburg rather than risk more beatings from his new stepfather. Sipho meets other runaway boys, who teach him the basics of survival. He learns there are worse people than cruel stepfathers, but he also finds reasons to hope for the future. For grades 5-8. 1995.

**White Lilacs BR 11871**
by Carolyn Meyer
2 volumes
Twelve-year-old Rosa Lee Jefferson of Dillon, Texas, loves the "Garden of Eden" her grandfather has created with flowers around their home in the Freedomtown community. But in 1921, the white people of Dillon want to build a park in that part of town, and that means Rosa Lee's family and their entire community will be forced to move. For grades 5-8. 1993.

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone BR 11879**
by J.K. Rowling
2 volumes
On Harry Potter's eleventh birthday, he learns that he is more than an unwanted orphan. The Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry recruits him because he has inherent magical abilities. As he purchases his school supplies—robes, wand, and messenger owl—Harry looks forward to attending his new boarding school. For grades 4-7. Bestseller 1997.

**Hooray for Diffendoofer Day! BR 11951**
by Dr. Seuss and Jack Prelutsky
1 volume
The teachers at Diffendoofer School are different: they teach listening, smelling, laughing, and even yelling. But can their pupils pass the special test to show their school is the best? Also presents the history of this book, begun by Dr. Seuss and completed by Jack Prelutsky. For grades K-3 and older readers. 1998.

**Barnyard Lullaby BR 12008**
by Frank Asch
1 volume
The barnyard animals sing their babies to sleep at night. When the farmer is disturbed by the noise and tells them to be quiet, his own baby begins to cry in protest. Includes a songsheet. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1998.

**Days of the Blackbird: A Tale of Northern Italy BR 12013**
by Tomie DePaola
1 volume
In Italy a much-loved duke lives with his young daughter, Gemma. During the summer they sit in their courtyard and listen to the beautiful songs of the birds, especially that of a pure white bird. One year the duke falls ill, and Gemma convinces the white bird to stay and serenade the duke even after the weather turns cold. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1997.

**And If the Moon Could Talk BR 12014**
by Kate Banks
1 volume
As a little girl goes through her bedtime routine, the moon looks down on the world. Preparations for nighttime alternate between scenes from the outdoor world and inside the girl's home. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. Boston Globe-Horn Picture Book Award 1998.

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar BR 12015**
by Eric Carle
1 volume
A hungry caterpillar eats his way through so much food that he has a stomachache. When he builds a small house for himself, something wonderful happens. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1969.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Conundrum** (British monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])
**Harper's** (literary; monthly)
**Health Newsletters** (includes **Harvard Health Letter, Mayo Clinic Health Letter,** and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter;** monthly)
**Inside Sports** (monthly)
**Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine** (monthly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Martha Stewart Living** (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
**Muse** (for children; 6 issues)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**The New York Times Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
**PC World** (personal computing; monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
**Rolling Stone** (popular culture; 26 issues)
**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)
**Short Stories** (British monthly)
**Spider: The Magazine for Children** (monthly)
**Stone Soup** (children's writings; 5 issues)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)

**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

The following sports schedules are also available:

**American Baseball League Schedule**

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## New Magazine

NLS has resumed production of recordings of the *Writer*, beginning with the October 1999 issue. The audio cassette version of the *Writer* is available for subscribers through the NLS magazine recording program.

The magazine *Working Woman* will no longer be included in the NLS magazine program. Subscribers to *Working Woman* will be notified of its removal from the NLS magazine program by mail.

## New Version of *Web-BLND*

The revised online NLS Union Catalog, *Web-BLND*, is available through the *Web-BLND* link on the NLS home page (http://lcweb.loc.gov/nls). *Web-BLND* now has new options to limit searches, improved response times, and more frequent updates.

# Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Braille Book Review* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

**Note:** For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

## Adult Nonfiction

**Crabcakes BR 11719**
by James Alan McPherson
2 volumes
The Pulitzer prize-winning African American author records autobiographical episodes and meditates on their meaning. The taste of Maryland crabcakes became firmly imprinted on his consciousness during his stay in Baltimore and remained with him even when he moved to Iowa and Japan. Some strong language. 1998.

**No Walls of Stone: An Anthology of Literature by Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Writers BR 11740**
edited by Jill Jepson
2 volumes
Poetry, short stories, memoirs, essays, and a play selected from works by twenty-three authors. Many of the pieces express feelings about the writers' physical conditions, which range from congenital deafness to gradual hearing loss to hearing impairment. Includes brief biographical sketches. 1992.

**The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the *Oxford English Dictionary* BR 11743**
by Simon Winchester
2 volumes
An account of the unusual circumstances leading to the friendship between the *Oxford English Dictionary*'s editor, Dr. James Murray, and one of its most prolific contributors, Dr. W.C. Minor, an American criminal. Relates the details of Dr. Minor's crime and its aftermath and how he first began his correspondence with Dr. Murray. Bestseller 1998.

**Comets: Creators and Destroyers BR 11751**
by David H. Levy
2 volumes
The discoverer of twenty-two comets, including Shoemaker-Levy 9, describes his work and tells how "these flying balls of ice and dust have shaped the course of life on Earth." Surveys the history of comets beginning four billion years ago and describes a likely scenario for a large comet striking the earth in the future. 1998.

**The Merchant of Venice BR 11789**
by William Shakespeare
2 volumes
A five-act comedy about love, marriage, and exacting justice. Portia, disguised as a man, defends Antonio in court against Shylock, who is demanding a pound of flesh in payment for a debt. Based on the text of the 1600 quarto edition.

Contains explanatory notes and an essay on the modern perspective. 1992.

**A History of Christian Thought: From Its Judaic and Hellenistic Origins to Existentialism BR 11798**
by Paul Tillich
6 volumes
In this collection of lectures originally delivered at two universities, Tillich reflects on the development of theological ideas that have remained important in the twentieth century. Topics include the trinitarian controversy, Luther's doctrines, and the Enlightenment. 1968.

**1001 Things Everyone Should Know about the Universe BR 11825**
by William A. Gutsch
4 volumes
Facts and comments about the solar system, including chapters on the sun, the moon, stars, black holes, and the search for extraterrestrial life. For senior high and older readers. 1998.

**A Passion for Wisdom: A Very Brief History of Philosophy BR 11838**
by Robert C. Solomon and Kathleen M. Higgins
2 volumes
Portrays the evolution of philosophical ideas and trends from ancient times to postmodern thinking, which arose after World War II. Traces the development of key ideologies and movements, explaining their meanings, relationships, and historical significance. 1997.

**Great Careers for People Interested in Communications Technology BR 11842**
by Julie Czerneda and Victoria Vincent
1 volume
Discusses careers available in the field of communication including mapmaker, Internet marketer, systems analyst, microwave dish installer, and teacher. Describes typical workdays, duties involved, getting started in the field, and writing a resumé. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Great Careers for People Fascinated by Government and the Law BR 11843**
by Anne Marie Males
1 volume
Discusses careers available in government and law, including police officer, law librarian, forensic technician, and foreign service officer. Describes day-to-day activities, training needed, and related fields. Includes sample application letters and interview tips. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Consumer Rites: The Buying and Selling of American Holidays BR 11853**
by Leigh Eric Schmidt
4 volumes
A social study of the origin and evolution of U.S. holidays into highly commercialized events that clash with religious practices and the original intent. Includes chapters on Christmas and Easter, and covers Mother's, Father's, and St. Valentine's Days, as well as Halloween. Provides brief information on recent innovations such as Kwanzaa and Earth Day. 1995.

**Clueless in the Kitchen: A Cookbook for Teens BR 11857**
by Evelyn Raab
2 volumes
Two hundred recipes based on the principle that cooking from scratch is cheaper, healthier, and tastier. Includes dishes for breakfast through dinner, desserts, snacks, and vegetarian specialties. Contains tips on stocking the pantry, shopping for fresh ingredients, food preparation and storage, and kitchen

appliance maintenance. For junior and senior high readers. 1998.

**Feast of India BR 11868**
by Rani
2 volumes
More than 150 traditional recipes have been adapted to introduce Americans to Indian cuisine. Covers background information on customs, spices, and techniques. Contains recipes for complete menus from appetizers, through meat and vegetarian main dishes, to desserts and beverages. 1991.

**William Shakespeare: A Compact Documentary Life BR 11872**
by S. Schoenbaum
4 volumes
Schoenbaum presents a scholarly biography based on written records. Recounts Shakespeare's simple life story as evidenced in documents found in Stratford, where he was born, raised, and died, and in London, where he gained his livelihood. 1977.

**Blowing on the Changes: The Art of the Jazz Horn Players BR 11876**
by Leslie Gourse
2 volumes
Discusses the development of jazz from the 1900s to the 1990s. Gourse relates the story of Louis "Pops" Armstrong's rise to fame and his influence on the world of jazz. She also covers many other well-known horn players, including Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, and Wynton Marsalis. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

**Miracle Cures: Dramatic New Scientific Discoveries Revealing the Healing Powers of Herbs and Vitamins and Other Natural Remedies BR 11884**
by Jean Carper
3 volumes
The author discusses how natural remedies are used in various countries to lower cholesterol, sharpen memory, fight infections, and otherwise improve health. She presents evidence supporting the value of these cures, describes how they work, and offers advice on proper usage. Bestseller 1997.

**Partners in Independence: A Success Story of Dogs and the Disabled BR 11885**
by Ed and Toni Eames
2 volumes
Accounts of disabled people and their canine assistants that depict the trust, support, and bonding that typify these relationships. Recounts cases of heroic actions by dogs to save their human partners from harm, as well as examples of everyday assistance that dogs provide. 1997.

**Virtual Reality: Computers Mimic the Physical World BR 11886**
by Sean M. Grady
2 volumes
Examines the concept of virtual reality—its history and the implications for the future. Discusses virtual reality's role, as well as its drawbacks, in business, medicine, science, the military, and the entertainment industries. Includes a glossary. For senior high and older readers. 1998.

**Silent Spring BR 11887**
by Rachel Carson
3 volumes
The author criticizes large-scale use of

chemical insecticides and weed killers, warning that such a policy jeopardizes the environment and damages wildlife. Contains an introduction by Vice President Al Gore. 1962.

**Without: Poems BR 11891**
by Donald Hall
1 volume
Hall recalls in poems the illness and death from leukemia of his wife, the well-known poet Jane Kenyon. He details their emotions during her struggle at forty-six to stay alive. The last section expresses his grief from missing her. 1998.

**Rainforests BR 11907**
edited by Charles P. Cozic
2 volumes
Argues that the depletion of the world's tropical rainforests has caused irreversible ecological damage. Explores the loss of biodiversity, drastic climatic changes, and the uprooting of indigenous populations. Describes the debate about the severity of these problems, especially in British Columbia and the Amazon. For senior high and older readers. 1998.

**Coping with PMS (Premenstrual Syndrome) BR 11913**
by Barbara Moe
1 volume
Explains puberty, ovulation, and menstruation as well as the physical and emotional aspects of PMS. Includes sources for additional information and recipes and lifestyle changes to facilitate self-improvement. Also provides a glossary. For senior high and older readers. 1998.

**Coping with Migraines and Other Headaches BR 11917**
by Andrea Votava
1 volume
Provides a definition and discussion of headaches—types, causes, cures, and self-help techniques for alleviating them. Explores alternative as well as traditional approaches. Includes a glossary and a list of relevant organizations and web sites for further research. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

**Purify Your Body: Natural Remedies for Detoxing from Fifty Everyday Situations BR 11942**
by Nina L. Diamond
2 volumes
Explains how the different systems and parts of the body work and discusses various types of natural treatments including Chinese and Native American medicine. The author then describes how to use these healing techniques to prevent or treat fifty "toxic situations" such as caffeine addiction, PMS, prostate problems, and jet lag. 1996.

***First Love* and Other Stories BR 11960**
by Ivan Turgenev
3 volumes
These three stories by the nineteenth-century Russian author are somewhat autobiographical. In "First Love," written in 1860, a father and son fall in love with the same woman. Written in 1872, "Spring Torrents" portrays a middle-aged person looking back on the folly of youth. "A Fire at Sea," written in 1883, tells of Turgenev's personal experience. 1957.

**A Simple Program: A Contemporary Translation of the Book *Alcoholics Anonymous*** **BR 11968**
by J
2 volumes
This revision of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, first published in 1939, uses modern language without gender or relationship assumptions. Explains alcoholism and AA's twelve-step method of recovery. In AA tradition, the author remains anonymous. 1996.

**How to Get a Job If You're a Teenager** **BR 11987**
by Cindy Pervola and Debby Hobgood
1 volume
Tips on job hunting address deciding what type of job to apply for, completing applications, preparing for the interview (including choosing what to wear), and interview being itself. What to expect on the first day and the proper way to quit a job are also discussed. For junior and senior high readers. 1998.

# Fiction

**Perfect Harmony** **BR 11575**
by Barbara Wood
4 volumes
Three deaths have been attributed to tainted herbal medicines produced by the biotech company Charlotte Lee inherited from her Chinese grandmother. Charlotte suspects rivals within the company. Her ex-boyfriend, a computer genius, arrives from England to assist in catching the infiltrators before the FDA closes the business. 1998.

**The Rise of Endymion** **BR 11631**
by Dan Simmons
7 volumes
Aenea comes of age in this sequel to *Endymion (BR 11481)*. The Pax forms an alliance with the TechnoCore and declares war on the threatening Ousters. The Pax is also looking for Aenea, who is currently on Earth preparing to outwit the Pax and the Core with her lover, Raul Endymion. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

**Full Dress Gray** **BR 11711**
by Lucian K. Truscott
3 volumes
In this sequel to *Dress Gray (BR 16533)*, Ry Slaight returns to West Point thirty years after he graduated, this time as the new superintendent. On his first day on the job, a young woman cadet dies on parade. During the ensuing investigation, Slaight's daughter Jacey, also a cadet, helps uncover a conspiracy involving students and officers. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1998.

**Tell Me Lies** **BR 11712**
by Jennifer Crusie
3 volumes
After finding crotchless underpants in her husband's car, Maddie Faraday decides to get revenge by seducing recently returned C.L. Sturgis, with whom she had a one-night stand in high school. Then Maddie's husband disappears before she can divorce him and the town suspects she murdered him. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1998.

**The Distinguished Guest** **BR 11713**
by Sue Miller
2 volumes
Activist author Lily Maynard, in her eighties, is in failing health and must live in her son's home until she can move into a retirement community. Her

acclaimed memoirs have brought her notoriety, but they also force her family to face their pain. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

**The Education of Oscar Fairfax**
**BR 11721**
by Louis Auchincloss
2 volumes
The life and times of blueblood lawyer Oscar Fairfax, from his turn-of-the-century education at the best schools to his years as a member of his father's law firm. Observing the social scene around him, Oscar tries to lead an exemplary life. Some descriptions of sex. 1995.

***The Atonement* and Other Stories**
**BR 11723**
by Louis Auchincloss
2 volumes
Twelve short stories concerning morality among the upper classes. In the title story, a lawyer-turned-broker is in legal trouble caused by insider trading. "The Last Great Divorce" finds a formerly disgraced divorcée confronted with her daughter's divorce years later. Some strong language. 1997.

**The Hunt Club BR 11725**
by Bret Lott
2 volumes
Fifteen-year-old Huger Dillard and his blind uncle Leland discover a murdered man on their land. The two run a hunt club for the wealthy men of Charleston to patronize on weekends. Within days the Dillard family is threatened and kidnapped by men who want to possess what the Dillards own: Some violence and some strong language. 1998.

**Complete Stories BR 11791**
by Dorothy Parker
5 volumes
Forty-eight stories and nine sketches written between 1920 and 1958 by the literary magazine writer and founder of the Algonquin Round Table. In these stories, Parker often writes about those who cannot extricate themselves from the unsuccessful personal relationships in which they are involved. She also depicts the effects of poverty on people who received little or no education. 1995.

**American Woman BR 11794**
by R. Garcia y Robertson
4 volumes
After witnessing the Civil War, young Quaker Sarah Kilory, dsperate to earn a living, goes out west to teach. Falling in love with an Oglala Sioux warrior, she becomes his second wife. Sarah, renamed American Woman, sees the destruction of the native way of life culminating with the battle at Little Big Horn. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. 1998.

**Detective Duos BR 11828**
edited by Marcia Muller and Bill Pronzini
5 volumes
Following their introduction in which the editors discuss the many combinations of detective duos in fiction, this husband-and-wife team offers twenty-five works covering the broad spectrum of mysteries both in historical development and in types of partnerships. Each story includes a brief introduction and offers suggested titles for further reading. 1997.

**Murder and Other Acts of Literature: Twenty-four Unforgettable and Chilling Stories by Some of the World's Best-Loved, Most Celebrated Writers**
**BR 11847**
edited by Michele Slung
3 volumes
Short mysteries by such diverse authors as Edith Wharton, John Cheever, Naguib Mahfouz, and Alice Walker. In "Miss Forbes's Summer of Happiness," a governess is killed, apparently in a fit of passion. In "The Johore Murders," someone is eliminating expatriates as they prepare to leave for home. Violence and some strong language. 1997.

**So Big BR 11869**
by Edna Ferber
3 volumes
A farm woman's indomitable spirit and quick response to beauty are unquenched by years of hardship—all for the sake of her son. Pulitzer Prize. Originally published in 1924. 1995.

**Reckless Homicide BR 11874**
by Ira Genberg
3 volumes
Since his daughter's painful death, Charlie has needed pills in order to cope. When a failed drug test gets him fired from his pilot's job, he begs his brother Michael, the airline's attorney, for help. A horrible plane crash occurs, and Michael is charged with reckless homicide for helping Charlie. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1998.

**Mirror Image BR 11878**
by Danielle Steel
4 volumes
Born in 1893 and now in their twenties, identical twins Olivia and Victoria Henderson are often mistaken for one another. But reliable Olivia has always rescued the adventurous Victoria from her escapades. Then Victoria gets herself into a scrape from which Olivia can't save her unless they trade identities. Bestseller 1998.

**Tobacco Road BR 11889**
by Erskine Caldwell
2 volumes
The famous saga, first published in 1932, of Jeeter Lester and his shiftless family. Their ribald adventures along Tobacco Road, once a flourishing plantation, attract a lusty preacher, Sister Bessie. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

**Murder at the Watergate BR 11890**
by Margaret Truman
3 volumes
While Mac and Annabel Smith attend a fund-raiser for Vice President Joseph Aprile at the Watergate, a Mexican union organizer is killed in the garage. A few days later, a researcher for the Mexican Initiative is pushed from the Watergate's roof. The Smiths soon head to Mexico to investigate a connection between the deaths and financial investments in Aprile's campaign. Some strong language. 1998.

**True North: A Novel of the Underground Railroad BR 11892**
by Kathryn Lasky
2 volumes
Narrative alternating between Bostonian Lucy Bradford and Afrika, a Virginia slave, tells how the lives of the two fourteen-year-olds were affected by the Underground Railroad. Lucy recounts her family's preparation for a wedding and her special relationship with her

grandfather, while Afrika describes her difficult journey north. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**A Death in the Family BR 11893**
by James Agee
3 volumes
A modern classic about the impact of tragedy on a close-knit family in Knoxville, Tennessee, in the early twentieth century. The story begins a few hours before the death of Jay Follet and ends on the day of his funeral. Strong language. Pulitzer Prize. 1957.

**The Garden of the Finzi-Continis BR 11901**
by Giorgio Bassani
2 volumes
A fictionalized account of a moody and tragic Jewish youth in Italy just before the rise of Hitler. Portrays his relationship with Micol, the beautiful and pampered daughter of the Finzi-Continis, the richest and most important Jewish family in the town of Ferrara. 1977.

**Wuthering Heights BR 11902**
by Emily Brontë
3 volumes (Reissue)
This classic nineteenth-century English novel, set in the wild moor country of Yorkshire, is about Heathcliff, a foundling raised in the Earnshaw home, who passionately loves Catherine. He dedicates his life to the realization of that love and revenge on those who oppose him. First published in 1847. 1997.

**The Way to Bright Star BR 11903**
by Dee Brown
3 volumes
At the turn of the century, Ben Butterfield looks back on his years as a young boy during the Civil War. Along with wagon master John Hawkes, Ben and animal handler Hadjee drive two camels captured by a Yankee captain from Texas to Bright Star, Indiana. They encounter many hardships, and Ben loses his heart to a young adventurer. 1998.

**Snow Falling on Cedars BR 11904**
by David Guterson
3 volumes
Set on an island in Puget Sound after World War II. Carl Heine has drowned, and fellow fisherman Kabuo Miyamoto is accused of murder. Covering the trial is a local reporter who was the defendant's wife's first love. As the trial begins, the entire once-peaceful community is tense with suspicion and prejudice. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. PEN/Faulkner Award. 1994.

**The Women of Brewster Place: A Novel in Seven Stories BR 11906**
by Gloria Naylor
2 volumes
Seven women live on Brewster Place. Each has a story that is uniquely hers but that also touches the concerns of the other Brewster Place women and of women everywhere. A commentary on the experience of black women in the United States. Some strong language. National Book Award 1983. 1982.

**The Catcher in the Rye BR 11909**
by J.D. Salinger
2 volumes (Reissue)
As Christmas vacation begins, Holden Caulfield recounts his feelings and reactions to flunking out of Pencey, his third prep school. Instead of heading straight home, he wanders around New York City. This account of his adventures conveys his dismay at the adult world.

Strong language. For senior high and older readers. 1945.

**Blanche Cleans Up BR 11910**
by Barbara Neely
3 volumes
When Blanche White reluctantly agrees to fill in as housekeeper for a vacationing friend, she encounters a family in chaos. Mr. Brindle's campaign for governor is disrupted by a murder and a suicide in his household. Some of his African American supporters are particularly scornful and suspicious of Blanche. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1998.

**Prisoner of Time BR 11916**
by Caroline B. Cooney
1 volume
In this sequel to *Out of Time (BR 10804)*, sixteen-year-old Devonny Stratton is being forced to marry a titled Englishman in the nineteenth century. She escapes this fate by time-travelling to the 1990s. Reluctantly assisting her is the brother of the twentieth-century girl who helped Devonny's brother, Strat, in the prequel. For junior and senior high readers. 1998.

**Angels Watching Over Me BR 11918**
by Lurlene McDaniel
1 volume
While her mother is honeymooning in Japan with husband number five, sixteen-year-old Leah is in the hospital undergoing tests. After a frightening diagnosis, she finds comfort in her young Amish roommate, Rebekah; Rebekah's appealing brother Ethan; and a mysterious night nurse. Prequel to *Lifted Up by Angels (BR 11919)*. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

**Lifted Up by Angels BR 11919**
by Lurlene McDaniel
1 volume
In this sequel to *Angels Watching Over Me (BR 11918)*, Leah is seventeen, her bone cancer is miraculously in remission, and she chooses to spend her summer working in a town near the Amish friends she met at the hospital. Her feelings for Ethan increase, but the reality of their differences is always present. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

**Until Angels Close My Eyes BR 11920**
by Lurlene McDaniel
1 volume
In this sequel to *Lifted Up by Angels (BR 11919)*, Leah, whose own cancer is still in remission, is shocked to learn that her stepfather has had cancer and it has now returned. Ethan, the young Amish man she loves, leaves his home to help her through this troubling time. For junior and senior high readers. 1998.

**Democracy: An American Novel BR 11939**
by Henry Adams
2 volumes
This realistic novel centers on the relationship between a young hostess and a powerful politician. Portrays the political society of Washington during President Ulysses S. Grant's second administration. 1880.

**The Haunting BR 11941**
by Joan Lowery Nixon
2 volumes
When Lia's great-grandmother dies, she leaves an old family plantation home to Lia's mother. An ancestor's diary describes the house as haunted. But Lia's

parents are determined to fill the place with adopted children. Timid Lia, then, feels it her responsibility to drive the ghost away. For junior and senior high readers. 1998.

**The Wapshot Chronicle BR 11943**
by John Cheever
3 volumes
Follows the fortunes of the Wapshot family of St. Botolphs, a mythical New England seaport. Old Captain Leander Wapshot is in love with his ferryboat, which he keeps losing and regaining. An eccentric aunt wants to give Leander's sons a fortune—if they marry and produce heirs. Some strong language. 1957.

**Hunted Down: The Detective Stories of Charles Dickens BR 11945**
by Charles Dickens
2 volumes
Twelve stories, some featuring well-known characters such as Inspector Bucket and his wife, from *Bleak House (BR 11645)*, and Mr. Nadgett, from *Martin Chuzzlewit (BR 10218)*. Dickens's work as a law clerk and reporter and his attendance at trials, executions, and nightly rounds with the police provided material for these mysteries. 1996.

**The Exorcist BR 11946**
by William Peter Blatty
3 volumes
Actress Chris MacNeil is filming a new movie in Washington, D.C. After playing with a Ouija board, her twelve-year-old daughter, Regan, begins exhibiting bizarre and macabre behaviors. Medical science doesn't help, so Chris appeals to the Catholic Church. A priest, Damien Karras, conducts an exorcism to try to rid Regan of the demon. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1971.

**Ronicky Doone BR 11947**
by Max Brand
2 volumes
Ronicky Doone helps a new friend, miner Bill Gregg, track Caroline Smith, a girl he wants to marry, to New York City. Once there the two westerners discover that she and her friend, Ruth Tolliver, are employed by a ruthless gangster. Despite overwhelming odds, Doone tries to rescue them. 1921.

***Zebra* and Other Stories BR 11958**
by Chaim Potok
1 volume
Six short stories titled for the teenager portrayed. In "Zebra"—a nickname—a seriously injured boy meets a one-armed artist who teaches him more than art. In "Nava," a girl realizes that just saying no to a student drug dealer is not the end of the problem. For junior and senior high readers. 1998.

**The Starlite Drive-In BR 11959**
by Marjorie Reynolds
3 volumes
The discovery of human bones at the drive-in her father once managed recalls to forty-nine-year-old Callie Anne the summer of 1956. At thirteen, she and her agoraphobic mother are drawn to drifter Charlie Memphis, who works for her jealous father. Strong language. 1997.

**The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne BR 11964**
by Brian Moore
2 volumes
A story of loneliness and hope and what happens to a middle-aged spinster living in a Belfast boarding house when she

pins all her dreams on capturing her landlady's brother. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1955.

**The Scarlet Pimpernel BR 11965**
by Baroness Orczy
2 volumes
Europe, 1792. With the republican mob in frenzy, French aristocrats are being guillotined indiscriminately. A group of British adventurers, led by the mysterious Scarlet Pimpernel, are spiriting innocent victims out of Paris. French agent Chauvelin arrives in England to discover the leader's true identity and enlists the help of a clever French beauty married to the foppish Sir Percy Blakeney. For senior high and older readers. 1905.

**Game Plan BR 11966**
by Thomas J. Dygard
1 volume
When Barton High School's football coach is hospitalized right before the final game of the season, the only one who can replace him is his student manager, Beano Hatton. Beano accepts the responsibility, knowing how much he has learned from the coach in three years. After devising a game plan, Beano's major hurdle is convincing the team to believe in him. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

***Goodbye, Columbus* and Five Short Stories BR 11967**
by Philip Roth
2 volumes
The title novella, which won the National Book Award in 1960, is about a young Radcliffe girl and a Rutgers boy who learn that there is more to love than exuberance and passion. All of the stories dramatize the dilemma of American Jews torn between two worlds. Strong language. 1959.

***The Harlequin Tea Set* and Other Stories BR 11972**
by Agatha Christie
2 volumes
Nine short stories previously unpublished in the United States culled from magazines for which the author wrote prior to her success. In the title story, an old friend prevents a family murder; in "The Edge" a romantic rival drives a cheating wife to her suicide. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

**Backfield Package BR 11973**
by Thomas J. Dygard
1 volume
Four football players at Hillcrest High make a pact to stick together and play at the same college as a "backfield package." But only Joe Mitchell, the quarterback, is recruited by a big-name school and must decide whether to keep his promise or explore all the options. For junior and senior high readers. 1992.

**July's People BR 11974**
by Nadine Gordimer
1 volume
In the aftermath of a successful black revolution, members of a white Johannesburg family—architect Bam Smales, his wife, and their three young children—have been rescued by July, their house servant of fifteen years. They are taken to July's remote family compound, where the roles of white/black dependency are reversed. 1981.

**Circuit of Heaven BR 11977**
by Dennis Danvers
3 volumes
By 2080 most humans have submitted to cremation, forsaking Earth for eter-

nal life in the Bin, a virtual reality. Nemo chooses to stay in real time, even after his parents leave. But when he visits them on his twenty-first birthday, he falls in love. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1998.

**Eucalyptus BR 12057**
by Murray Bail
2 volumes
At nineteen, Ellen has become quite a beauty. Her father has decided that the man who names all of the hundreds of eucalyptuses he owns may have Ellen's hand in marriage. But Ellen prefers a storyteller she meets in the woods. 1998.

# Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

## Children's Nonfiction

**Kids Knitting BR 11797**
by Melanie Falick
1 volume
Basic step-by-step instructions for the beginning knitter. Covers procedures and recommends materials and needle sizes. Details twelve projects, ranging from bean bags, scarves, and patchwork afghans to purses, caps, tube socks, and a pullover sweater. Each activity introduces new skills. For grades 4-7. 1998.

**Making Cool Crafts and Awesome Art: A Kids' Treasure Trove of Fabulous Fun BR 11860**
by Roberta Gould
1 volume
Projects for children to work on alone or with friends. Crafters are encouraged to be inventive: don't just follow the guidelines; use them as springboards for your own creations. Includes wreaths, apple faces, 3-D masks, and silly costumes. Some projects require adult supervision. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1998.

**Duke Ellington BR 11883**
by Adam Woog
2 volumes
Biography of the African American composer, bandleader, and pianist whose fame began in the 1920s. Covers his childhood in Washington, D.C., his educational background, and his entry into a musical profession. Traces his career development from Harlem to world tours with his band. For grades 6-9. 1996.

**Falling Up BR 11899**
by Shel Silverstein
1 volume
A collection of brief and humorous poems featuring silly situations and a gallery of zany characters. You will see the world from "a different angle" as you meet the Terrible Toy-Eating Tookle, attend the "Rotten Convention," and visit Hungry Kid Island. For grades 2-4 and older readers. Bestseller 1996.

**And Not Afraid to Dare: The Stories of Ten African American Women BR 11905**
by Tonya Bolden
2 volumes
Biographies of ten African American women who managed to achieve despite social and economic roadblocks. Among them are writers, singers, athletes, and scientists. Includes Ida B. Wells, Mary McLeod Bethune, Leontyne Price, Toni Morrison, and others. A brief appendix lists additional people and their achievements. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1998.

**Pets: A Comprehensive Handbook for Kids BR 11981**
by Frances N. Chrystie
2 volumes
Advises on the selection of an appropriate pet, on the care of a variety of domestic and wild animals, and on health care and first aid treatment for pets. Beginning with dogs and cats, the author also discusses rabbits, mice, hamsters, caged birds, aquarium and vivarium pets, wild animals (opossums, raccoons), farm animals, ponies, and horses. For grades 4-7. 1995.

**Creepy Riddles BR 11991**
by Katy Hall and Lisa Eisenberg
1 volume
Collection of forty-two riddles about scary, spooky things. Topics include food preferences among witches, ghosts, vampires, and sea monsters; the social lives of ghosts, werewolves, and zombies; and "physical" characteristics of ghouls and other creatures. For grades 2-4. 1998.

**Golem BR 12017**
by David Wisniewski
1 volume
A retelling of how a chief rabbi of Prague creates a giant golem of clay in 1580. The golem's task is to seek out those spreading false rumors about Jews and to turn them over to the authorities unharmed. When his job is done, the golem is to return to clay. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. Caldecott Medal. 1996.

**My Puppy Is Born BR 12018**
by Joanna Cole
1 volume
An excited girl describes the birth and first weeks in the life of her Norfolk terrier puppy. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1973.

**The Golden Flower: A Taino Myth from Puerto Rico BR 12021**
retold by Nina Jaffe
1 volume
Relates the story of how Puerto Rico became an island. In the beginning the world had no water, no green plants or trees, and no flowers. But all of that changes when a young boy finds some seeds and plants them on top of the mountain. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1996.

# Children's Fiction

**The Milly Stories: Corpses, Carnations, the Weirdness Index, and, of Course, Aunt Gloria BR 11757**
by Janice Lindsay
1 volume
Milly and her uncle live alone in his funeral parlor since the recent death of Aunt Gloria, but Milly still regularly hears her aunt's comments. As Milly begins measuring her life by her new friend Josie's weirdness index, she ponders how to put her aunt to rest. For grades 5-8. 1998.

**The Ghost in Room 11 BR 11758**
by Betty Ren Wright
1 volume
Starting fourth grade in a new town, Matt Barber tries to impress his classmates by making up some wild tales. Branded a liar, Matt has no one to turn to when he encounters the ghost of a long-ago teacher who haunts the school halls. For grades 2-4. 1998.

**Little Women BR 11778**
by Louisa May Alcott
5 volumes
The author's home life in New England is the basis of this book. The tale tells of the four March sisters—quick-tempered Jo, who is restless for freedom; Beth, who loves her home and family; Meg, who longs for pretty clothes; and self-absorbed Amy. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1868.

**The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe: The Chronicles of Narnia, Book 1 BR 11912**
by C.S. Lewis
1 volume (Reissue)
Four English children find their way through a huge wardrobe in an old house to the mysterious land of Narnia, which is under the spell of the White Witch. Prequel to *Prince Caspian, the Return to Narnia (BR 07238)*. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1950.

**Maura's Angel BR 11944**
by Lynne Reid Banks
1 volume
On her way home from her Belfast school, Maura is knocked flat by a bomb's blast. When she looks around, she is amazed to see a naked girl who looks just like her. Maura must teach this new acquaintance to walk, eat, and even sleep. In return, Maura and her family experience wonderful changes while in her presence. For grades 4-7. 1984.

**Out of the Dust BR 11956**
by Karen Hesse
1 volume
Told in free verse, an account of two years in the life of Billie Jo Kelby, who at thirteen loses her mother and new baby brother in a terrible accident for which she is partly to blame. Life in Oklahoma in the mid-1930s is difficult, and Billie Jo can no longer play the piano—her one solace in the past. She seeks a way to heal her father and herself. For grades 6-9. Newbery Medal. 1997.

**The Amazing Frecktacle BR 11961**
by Ross Venokur
1 volume
Nicholas cuts his hair and wears contacts to avoid being teased. But when a bully starts calling him "the amazing frecktacle," Nicholas knows there is nothing he can do to get rid of his 5,792 freckles. Spooky Mr. Piddlesticks disagrees, and gladly offers to unload Nicholas of the unwanted spots. For grades 3-6. 1998.

**While No One Was Watching BR 11963**
by Jane Leslie Conly
1 volume
The summer their father is working out of town, Earl, Frankie, and Angela are left with their alcoholic Aunt Lula, but she vanishes. Earl hangs out with their older cousin and begins stealing. Tagging along on one job, seven-year-old Frankie takes a pet rabbit. The hare's owner, Addie, and her friend leave their nice neighborhood to track down the thieves. For grades 6-9. 1998.

**River Danger BR 11969**
by Thomas J. Dygard
1 volume
Because Eric's father has broken his ankle, Eric, seventeen, agrees to take care of his eleven-year-old brother, Robbie, on a week-long canoe trip. The first day out the brothers encounter some suspicious men, and before the trip is over, it is Robbie who must save Eric. For grades 6-9. 1998.

**School Spirits BR 11970**
by Michael O. Tunnell
1 volume
Patrick moves to a new town with his widowed father, who has been hired as principal of Craven Hill School. While visiting the school, Patrick is contacted by the ghost of a young boy asking for help. The girl next door helps terrified Patrick unravel the fifty-year-old mystery of the boy's death. For grades 3-6. 1997.

**Shiloh BR 11971**
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
1 volume
Eleven-year-old Marty Preston takes in a runaway dog, Shiloh, when he fears that Shiloh is being abused by Judd Travers, his owner. But Marty's family cannot afford to feed another mouth, and Shiloh is returned. When the dog comes back to Marty, the boy hides him in the woods and builds a mountain of lies that crumbles and compromises everyone. For grades 4-7. Newbery Medal. 1991.

**Old Yeller BR 11976**
by Fred Gipson
1 volume
1860s Texas. Fourteen-year-old Travis at first resents the big, yellow stray dog that hangs around his home, but he comes to love and depend on him. With his father away on a cattle drive, Travis is the man of the house and looks to Old Yeller for help and protection. For grades 5-8. 1956.

**The Storyteller's Beads BR 11985**
by Jane Kurtz
1 volume
When Ethiopian villagers are forced to flee toward Sudan, two young girls from different backgrounds learn to rely on each other. Sahay is from a Christian family, while Rahel is Jewish and blind. Sahay's offer to lead Rahel through the desert is the beginning of their friendship. For grades 5-8. 1998.

**The Little Engine That Could BR 12016**
by Watty Piper
1 volume
When a train carrying good things for children breaks down, only the little engine offers to help, and everyone wonders if she can pull the train over the mountain. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1930.

**The Lost Horse: A Chinese Folktale BR 12019**
retold by Ed Young
1 volume
A Chinese man named Sai, his son, and his horse illustrate that first impressions of events are not always correct. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1998.

**How the Grinch Stole Christmas BR 12020**
by Dr. Seuss
1 volume
The Grinch, whose heart is two sizes too small, tries to abolish Christmas by stealing all the presents from the people in the valley. For grades K-3. 1957.

**Child of Faerie, Child of Earth**
**BR 12022**
by Jane Yolen
1 volume
One Hallow's Eve a human child goes to the forest where she meets a faerie child. They have a lovely time together sharing in each other's world, but neither wants to give up familiar surroundings. They exchange friendship gifts, and now and then, as the years go by, they visit one another. PRINT/ BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1997.

**Happy Birthday, Josefina! A Springtime Story BR 12052**
by Valerie Tripp
1 volume
Josefina will soon be ten, and her family has several things to celebrate. Josefina begins raising a baby goat and helping her godmother Tía Magdalena—a healer. It looks like Josefina may be a healer, too. Sequel to *Josefina's Surprise (BR 11393)*. For grades 2-4. 1998.

# Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

**Boys' Life** (for children and teens, monthly)
**Braille Book Review** (bimonthly)
**Braille Chess Magazine** (British quarterly)
**Braille Music Magazine** (British monthly)
**Conundrum** (British monthly)
**Cooking Light** (bimonthly [3] and monthly [6])
**Harper's** (literary; monthly)
**Health Newsletters** (includes **Harvard Health Letter, Mayo Clinic Health Letter,** and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter;** monthly)
**Inside Sports** (monthly)
**Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine** (monthly)
**Ladies' Home Journal** (monthly)
**Martha Stewart Living** (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
**Muse** (for children; 6 issues)
**The Musical Mainstream** (quarterly)
**National Geographic** (monthly)
**The New York Times Large Type Weekly** (weekly)
**News** (NLS quarterly)
**Parenting** (monthly except January and July)
**PC World** (personal computing; monthly)
**Playboy** (monthly)
**Poetry** (monthly)
**Popular Communications** (monthly)
**Popular Mechanics** (monthly)
**Popular Music Lead Sheets** (irregular)
**Rolling Stone** (popular culture; 26 issues)
**Science News** (weekly)
**Seventeen** (for teens, monthly)

**Short Stories** (British monthly)
**Spider: The Magazine for Children** (monthly)
**Stone Soup** (children's writings; 5 issues)
**Update** (NLS quarterly)
**The *Washington Post* Book World** (weekly)

The following sports schedules are also available:
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